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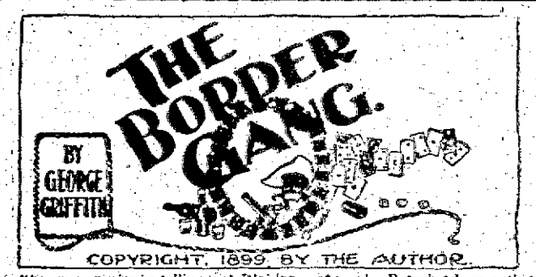


"Eh, mon, you're no telling me! It's barefaced robbery! It's dog eating dog—just cannibalism in business. That's what it is."

"It was true, though, Sandy, a'welp me; may I never see the glint of a guinea again if it isn't. There was £3,000 worth of the klips in poor little Tommy's insides as you know. The tecs pull me up near the border. In the dark Tommy slips out of the cart, as usual, and makes for the clump of gums on the other side of the drift without being seen. The tecs find nothing, of course, and I drives on, thinking what sort of a lawsuit we shall have this time against Lipinski and his people, crosses the drift and pulls up by the trees. I whistles, and Tommy, like a good, obedient little tyke, what knows his bizness, jumps in and"—

"Oh, my, to think you'd get such a beautiful lot so far only to—a week go on, like, and let's have the rest of it."

"As I says, the dog jumps in, and I drives off again. Just a hundred yards farther on both my horses comes to the ground, with a crash, and I goes after them on to my head. When I comes to myself and picks myself up, there was half a dozen fellows on horseback round the cart. One jumps down, and before I can so much as shout he has a cloth over my head and ties me up so tight I can neither see nor speak. Then he knocks with his knuckles on my head and tells me if I don't want a bullet in it I'll keep quiet and be good. Of course I was good as they make 'em."

"But the dog, then, why didn't he make a bolt for't when he saw there was trouble? He's been very well trained. I'd thocht he might 'a' got awa' in the scrimmage."

"He didn't have a chance. I hears him give a smothered sup yelp and squeal, and from that I knows that he is like my head—in a bag. That tells me that they had tumbled to the lay or that there was some one there that knew it. Well they bundles me and the dog into the cart and drives away somewhere for about half an hour. Then they pulls up, hands me out, hustles me into a house of some sort and takes the bag off my head. When I looks about me, I was in a bit of a small room, and there was four fellows there, all with masks on."

"Kidnapers and midnight robbers—maybe murderers as well," groaned the Scotchman. "Eh, mon, I'm thinking you had a narrow escape. That Free State's a sight too free if it's coming to this. It's naething better nor a savage land wi'out law nor order in't. What did they do till you then?"

"They asked me how many klips I'd got and where they were, and of course I says I have none, and they can search me if they like, and they does—a good bit worse than the tecs did, I can tell you. Of course they finds nothing, and then they laughs and says if I haven't got them the dog has. So they turns poor Tommy out of the sack, and—s'welp me, old pal, I doesn't like to tell you what happened then. I'd educated that dog perfect, and I loved the little fellow, and besides he was worth a bit of money with all he knew."

Sandy Fraser's little Hebrew accomplice quite broke down here for a moment or two, and Sandy himself gave a sympathetic sniff, for they had both lost not only a lot of money, but also a guiltless accomplice whom it would be very hard to replace.

"They murdered him, Sandy, right before my eyes in a big tin dixtheth and of course they found the klips. Then they offered to sell them back to me for £2,000 and told me they'd have made it £300 more if they hadn't had to kill the dog."

"Eh, sakes, what a murderous prig! Blank robbery! Why, they cost us £300 straight from the Kaffirs. And you paid?"

"Well, they was worth £3,000 trade price, and the thieves knew it; so I did. I gave them a draft on the bank here and they kept me there till one of them got the cash and brought it back, and then they ties my head up again, puts me into the cart and drives me away with the klips in my pocket. When they took the bag off, it was night, and I was in a little kloof. They showed me the way to Freetown and rode off. I got into Freetown by the morning and found Sandheim there wondering if I was dead or gone to the Breakwater for a change of air."

"Well, I told him the story and got £2,300 out of him for the klips on the strength of it. Then I drives back, breaking my heart about poor little Tommy and wondering where we shall get another dog like that. That Chinaman a dog that he fooled Lowenthal so sweetly with wasn't in it with Tommy."

"Nay that he wasn't, mon. Why, Tommy must a run close on £20,000 worth for us and might a' run £20,000 worth more wi'out a suspection, wi' that wonderfu' stomach of his. But there, he's dead and gone, the puir wee martyr, and we'll just go and tak' a drink till his future in the happy hunting grounds. But tell me, like, had did you hae nae notion what ony of them thieving murderers might a been? Some of them must a known you or they'd never a suspected the dog."

"They was always masked when I saw any of them, but Sandy, if I wasn't sure as death that Lipinski and his chaps did for Seth Salter that night he ran the big parcel and they got it back, I could swear that the boss of 'em had just his Yankee twang, and his build wasn't unlike, neither," replied Ike, whose English was of the oriental order, and whose tenses changed with the variations of his mental temperature. "Now, where were we going to? Let's go to the queen's—that's Lipinski's place. Let's see if he's there, and if he's heard anything about this gang over the line."

When they entered the barroom they found Mr Inspector Lipinski not only there, but the central figure of the somewhat motley crowd that was wont to foregather there for their evening lime juice, to use a conveniently general term.

He was standing, as usual, the most tastily dressed man in the place, with one elbow resting on the bar counter and a glass half full of whisky and soda beside him. Opposite to him stood no less a personage than Mr. Michael Muratti—and there seemed to be a discussion of some little heat going on between them. Just as they went in he slapped his glass down on the mahogany and said in a loud, angry tone:

"Of course you fellows never take any responsibility, unless it's a case of searching private houses and arresting innocent people. But what I say is that this is just as much your affair as the Free State police's. Why don't you combine instead of everlastingly bickering and letting criminals slip through your fingers? If there's been a robbery on their side of the line tonight, there'll be one on your side tomorrow or the night after. As for saying that the parcel was illicit, that's all rot, and neither here nor there. Max Sandheim is a perfectly respectable man. Why, I've done business with him myself scores of times."

"I've no doubt you have, Mr. Muratti. I wish I'd been there at the time," replied the inspector, with a snap of malice in his tone which sent a chuckling laugh round the crowd and brought out a red spot between Mickey's eyebrows. Before he had his retort ready Ike pushed his way through the half circle about them and said with ill advised anxiety:

"What was that? What has happened to Max Sandheim, and when did it happen? Was he robbed?"

"Aw, the blighted cadjer!" murmured his partner, but he didn't shout it like a stage aside, and so it wasn't heard. He went to one end of the counter and ordered a drink, hoping that no one had seen him come in with Ike.

The inspector pulled himself up straight and, as he could do on occasions, suddenly assumed an air of authority which kept even the angry Mickey quiet while he answered:

"Ah, Mr. Cohen, good even! So you've got back all safe, but you're a bit anxious about your friend Sandheim. Very natural, of course. Well, I'm sure you'll be sorry to hear that a few hours after you left him, say about 8 o'clock tonight, he was held up on the road between Freetown and Boshoff by four armed and masked men and robbed of a parcel of stones which he valued at £4,000. I daresay you'll know about how near that is to the truth. He rode into Boshoff and reported, and we have just had the news here by telegraph. By the way, how's that dog of yours?"

The crowd noticed unanimously that this was the first time since the story of the diamond dog had become common property in camp that the inspector had mentioned one of its species publicly, and they closed up a little, thinking there was something coming. Mr. Muratti, for reasons of his own, paid his apparently exclusive attention to his drink, while Sandy Fraser cursed all Jews and dogs in silence and kept his ears anxiously open.

Now, Ikey Cohen, though not a strong man nor yet one of conspicuous pluck, was one of those peculiarly constituted individuals who gain a sort of secondary courage through stress of circumstances, somewhat as runners get their second wind. From what the

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inspector had said he saw that he knew a good deal more about his late adventure than the other side than he thought he did. Suspicions are sometimes as good as knowledge. He stuck his hands deep down into his pockets, looked the inspector squarely in the face and said:

"If you want me to sell you a pup, Mr Lipinski, I'll be happy to oblige you. I can't sell you that one, because it's dead. But I think I could tell you the name of the man who ordered it to be killed. Anyhow—I—guess—you'd—a—reesy-nized—his voice—as I calkerlate—I—did."

Ikey didn't do the Yankee drawl at all badly, and the shot went right home. For the first and the last time in his life Inspector Lipinski lost his self-command in public. But his start was only momentary, and the flush that came into his cheeks died out again in an instant.

"What do you mean by that, sir?" he asked in a tone as calm as usual, but with a distinctly threatening ring in it.

"Just about what he says, I reckon," drawled Mickey Muratti, who was about as good a mimic as he was a juggler. "If you don't recognize that swang, I do. That was well done, Ikey, boy. What'll you take? The next's with me."

What might have happened after this no one will ever know, for just at that moment one of the inspector's men entered hurriedly and handed him a note. He opened it, glanced at it, crushed it up in his hand and said:

"Gentlemen, I'm sorry, but, so far as I'm concerned, this entertainment will have to be postponed. Another man wants to see me very urgently about a dog."

With this he drank off the remains of his whisky and soda and turned and walked to the door, followed by his official satellite, not a little pleased at such an opportunely good "get out" from a situation which was bidding fair to become embarrassing.

It pleased the fates to draw out the tragedy which thus began with the inhuman butchery of poor little Tommy into more scenes than could be reproduced here. The present narrative is, however, only concerned with the last of them, or perhaps it would be more correct to say the last but one, and that which brought the curtain down.

A week after work went by the outrages committed by the mysterious border gang as the unknown desperadoes who had so suddenly invaded the hitherto comparatively safe frontiers of the Free State and Griqualand West very soon came to be called, seemed to increase in number and daring.

It was quite a curious situation—such a one as the student of human crime had never had the chance of studying before and never may have again. It was a sort of latter-day contest between underhand roguery, open violence and the forces which worked for law and order. The old struggle between the police and the I. D. B., or diamond smuggling, fraternity went on as before, but with an added terror for the evildoer, who, if he eluded the clutches of the law, might the next hour fall into the no more merciful grasp of the gang. The honest and lawful trader still hated the I. D. B. as his worst enemy, but the gang robbed both with an impartiality worthy of a more honorable calling.

The police, naturally, had anything but a happy time of it. If they devoted an adequate amount of time and force to hunting for the gang—which was never where it was expected or wanted—the occupation of the I. D. B. became comparatively pleasant and easy, while if they did their proper work thoroughly the gang promptly went on the warpath with renewed vigor and extended its scope and raked in the plunder with both hands from the honest and dishonest alike.

It will be readily understood that no state of affairs could possibly be more distasteful to Mr Inspector Lipinski than this. Notoriously was his professional credit at stake, but men like Mickey Muratti, Ikey Cohen, Sandy Fraser and Alexander Macadam, who he absolutely knew either to be or to have been involved in extensive I. D. B. transactions, but who were now getting rich, and therefore men of influence in a town where the faculty of making money anyhow was the only one that "got a man on," were making sarcastic comparisons between Hounslow Heath 100 years ago and the diamond fields of today, and were asking ugly questions about the efficiency, nay, even the incorruptibility, of the police force in general and the detective department in particular.

It was this last suspicion that touched the puzzled and harassed inspector most keenly. As a practical man he had no belief in miraculous escapes or the possibility of people being in two different places at once, and gradually the conviction forced itself upon him that the immunity of the gang from capture and its continuation of trap after trap that he had laid for it with all the skill and cunning at his command could only be due to the connivance of some of his own men and the Free State police, which he knew to be anything but immaculate.

This conviction led him at last to the resolve to risk not only reputation and position, but life itself, in the attempt to personally break up the gang, or at least to penetrate the mystery which shrouded its doings and shielded it from justice. This resolve once made, it did not take a man of his character very long to translate it into action.

He cannot certain information to leak out, as it were, through underground channels which were always at his service, to the effect that in consequence of strong suspicions that the Diamond mail to Vryburg was going to be held up by the border gang on a certain night when it would be carrying an exceptionally valuable consignment of gems, the stones would be run the night before, as though they were an illicit parcel over the border to Freetown and thence conveyed in the usual way to Port Elizabeth instead of Cape Town. The diamond mail of the following day was to take no consignment at all, but was to be accompanied by a double guard.

On the appointed night the inspector [illegible] of his best and most trusted men [illegible] to the teeth posted along [illegible] than half of the point where the road to Freetown crosses it on the other side a detachment of the Free State police was by arrangement with the district chief to be lying in wait ready to act in concert with them and to catch the gang between the two forces at the moment of attack.

When Inspector Lipinski set out that night to take his part in the working out of his scheme, he took an even more than usually affectionate leave of his daughter—a pretty, graceful girl of between 16 and 17, who was the incarnation of the one romance of his life, the daughter of the only woman he had ever looked upon to love and long for and the one rose that he had saved out of the paradise that he had once dwelt in.

He went to his office and changed his uniform for a suit of clothes that he had never been seen in, a sort of semi-sporting rig, that he had had up specially from Cape Town, but his favorite Smith-Wesson in his right hand coat pocket, and then started out to walk to Boshoff. On the way he overtook his Kaffir groom, leading his best horse. He mounted, saw that the pair of heavy

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Colts in the holsters were ready for immediate use, and then cantered off toward the border, which he had timed himself to reach a little before 1 in the morning.

It had been arranged that two of his own men should hail him just before he got to it and that then the game was to begin. News had reached him that the gang had got wind of the big parcel he was supposed to be carrying and vowed to have him and it at any price. If his men only did their duty and the Free State police kept faith with him, the new terror of the border would be a thing of the past by morning.

Two mounted figures loomed out of the darkness ahead of him and pulled up on either side of the road. A gruff hail came growling down the wind.

"Is that you, Davies. Mayet? All right! I suppose the others are ready. Open a bit and let me through, then close for all you're worth. You needn't be afraid of catching me."

As he said this he touched his horse with the spur and the easy canter broke into a gallop. The two men pulled their animals aside. As he came up the moon broke through a rift in the clouds, and he saw that they were both masked. It was too late to stop. He ducked his head and dived for his Smith-Wesson. At the next instant a rope of rawhide, stretched taut across the road, passed over his horse's head and took him under the chin. Then came a jerk that nearly broke his neck, a thud against the hard mud of the road, a mist of dancing stars before his eyes and then darkness.

When he came to himself, he was half sitting, half lying in a hammock deck chair in the same little hut in which Ikey Cohen had witnessed the murder of poor little Tommy. There was a burning taste of raw brandy in his mouth and throat, and his head was aching terribly. He looked up and saw a man with a black cloth mask over the upper part of his face sitting astride a wooden chair in front of him, with his arms across the back, looking at him through the eyeholes of his mask. Even in the first moments of returning consciousness he scented to recognize something familiar to him, and the seeming soon became certainty.

"Evening, Inspector. Coming round a bit? That's right. Been waiting quite a time to have a bit of a chat with you. Feel up to it now? Have another nip?"

There was no mistaking the drawling tone or the clip of the word ends. The inspector's rallying thoughts went back to that night at Frestown, nearly 18 months ago now, when, for the sake of personal pique and a threatened reputation, he had sanctioned—in fact, assisted in the doing of—a deed of treachery and violence, the one unlawful and unmanly act of his life, with which the worst of the offenses laid to the charge of the gang would compare only too favorably.

Now he felt instinctively that he was in the presence and at the mercy of the chief of this band of outlaws, against which he had declared war to the death—a man who owed him a grudge that life would hardly pay. Still, he had deliberately staked his life on this very venture, and he was not the man to take its stakes off the table when the game was going against him. He looked in silence at the masked man for a few moments to let his thoughts get into something like order. Then he said quietly:

"Well, Mr. Salter, I confess I never expected to see you in the flesh again, but since you have manifestly resurrected, I don't quite see the point of that mask of yours—at least not in private life."

"Resurrected! By thunder, sonny, you've hit it in once. Say, did you ever see anything more like a last year's corpse than me?"

He tore the mask from his face as he uttered the last word. The inspector staggered to his feet and dropped back into the chair with a gasp of amazement and a groan of horror mingled in the same breath. What had been Seth Salter's not uncomely face was now a one-eyed, useless mass of pits and seams and scars too hideous to imagine.

"Yaas, looks sorter pretty, don't it? Don't seem to think much of it. Waal, p'raps not, 'tain't likely; but if you and your chaps didn't exactly do it, them as you was kind enough to leave me to rot yonder in the kloof did. Yes, sir, that's vultures' work. I'd a bullet of yourn through my right arm, one through the chest from one of your slouches, and a crack over the head with a carbine stock that'd 'a' knocked the gruel outer some people's skulls, so, you see, I hadn't much chance again' the critturs. But I thought I'd fight to a finish, and I should 'a' gone if a Cape lad hadn't come through the kloof before I was all gone and toted what was left of me to his hut and fetched an old Kaffir medicine man to patch me up.

"No, you needn't trouble to make any remarks. You're weak yet, and I'm on deck just now. It'll make things shorter and pleasanter if you just make yourself comfortable and hear me out. I shan't worry you with what happened to me just after. I got better, and I'd one eye and a mouth left, as you see, and the eye had to look around for something to put in the mouth.

"Waal, after considerable ups and downs, I met your Lootenant Maya way down in Natal. I told him who I was or had been—for you can bet he didn't recognize me—and we put our heads together and worked out this border gang scheme. I found the requisite hard cases for the actual work, and he got round your chaps or kept 'em off the scent, as the case might be. The game worked like an angelic picnic. We robbed thieves, and the thieves doren't split. Then, as the organization got better, we extended things, and by about three months ago we'd half your chaps and nearly all the slops on this side in our pay.

"Waal, we've made tons of money and we're just thinking about settling into respectable society; but, Mr Lipinski, there's just two things I want to do before I do that."

"And those are—revenge on me, and—what else, may I ask?"

"Guess you're nervy, little man, and you may ask. Yuss, one of 'em's to square up things with you and the other is to clean out the mail when it takes that big consignment that you tried to fool me over tonight on board, which, I take it, I'll be the day after tomorrow, or, I should say, today, for it's morning now. We've got you, and all the guard but two are chipping in with me; so that's as good as done."

"And may I ask again what you intend to do in the way of squaring things up with me? Something with vultures in it, I suppose. I can't growl under the circumstances, though, for the sake of my own conscience. I'd like to tell you that we honestly thought you were dead before we left you. I can't think how you stood all we gave you. What a thousand pities you didn't give the stones up quietly!"

"I guess it is—for you. Why didn't you let me keep 'em after I'd played the game and run 'em fair and honorable? But that's nowhere. If I didn't think you a white man and grit all through, I wouldn't give you a chance. I'd have your living bones, so to speak, picked clean by tomorrow night, as I mighty near had mine. But I believe you did think me dead, and so I'll give you a square show. But I'm going to give you half an hour's hades first, just to even things up for what I had when I was plumbing them vultures."

"And that!"

"I'm going to make you play me Chicago, best 7 games out of 13. If I win, I shall plug you fatally and go and clean the mail out. If you win, I'll give you back your shooter and back my own eye again; your two at shooting on the drop. I'll set the alarum of that clock to go off two minutes after we've taken our places. Then, when it goes, we'll go—one or both of us. That's about as fair as I can afford to be. What do you think?"

"I don't see much hades in that to tell you the truth."

"No, because you seem to have forgotten that Miss Radna's going down with the mail that day. You know I've admired her a lot. How d'you think she'd like to have some of the stones we shall get if I had 'em cut for her as a wedding present? I shouldn't take the dead gems and leave the living and the best of 'em all behind, you bet."

"That'll do, curse you! Get out the dice!"

"Waal, that's blamed, anyhow, if it ain't over grateful or polite. Take a drink first, just to steady your hand? No? Then I will. Here's the dice. We'll shake for first throw."

Now, for the instruction of the unsophisticated, the game of Chicago is played with dice in this wise. Five dice are thrown. Aces count 100, the first six thrown 60, others 6. From five down to two spots are counted. One bone must be left on the table after each throw; hence there are five throws, and the highest possible is five aces, counting 500.

The two played in silence. People usually do when the stakes are so big that if they lose they can never play again. The fates must have been looking over their shoulders and enjoying the deadly game, for they drew it out to its utmost length. After the tenth game Salter was two ahead, and the inspector won the eleventh by six and the twelfth by seven.

"Six and seven's thirteen, and we've the thirteenth game to play," said Salter, shaping the first actual sentence that had been spoken since the play began. "Shouldn't wonder if I lost now. That's right: help yourself. Whisky's good for shooting. My throw, I reckon."

He shook the dice up, canted the box gently over, and the dice trickled out in a little white rattling stream. When they settled there were two aces, a six, a four and a two.

"Two hundred and sixty's not a bad start, but I guess I'll give the aces another chance."

He shook up the three dice. They came out an ace and two aces. His score was now 860, with two more throws, but he had the option of leaving the six or including it in the next throw, on the chance of getting an ace instead of it. He left it and threw the two. They came up six and four, making his total 424, with one more throw. He tossed the four into the box and sent it rolling along the table. When it stopped it was a three.

"I've seen better," he said, as he gathered the dice into the box and pushed it over to the inspector, "but anything over 400 takes figures to beat it."

Lipinski's first throw was a poor one. Six, five, two threes and a two! The second throw three aces came up together, making his score 860. The other was a four. He picked it up, threw and made a three of it. He tried again and made it a six. He was now 420—four behind.

"Tough luck, but I guess you've got to try again, pard."

The hand of the man was firm though the heart of the father was shaking as the inspector turned the box over for the last time.

"An ace! By thunder, I thought so! Waal, if that ain't the luck of satan, tell me. There's your gun!"

By every law save that of the unwritten code of gamblers' honor Inspector Lipinski would have been justified in covering Salter as he went to set the alarm, and he had another very strong motive for doing it, but he didn't. He knew the game, and he played it.

They took their places in opposite corners of the hut, about eight paces apart. The little Ansonia clock seemed to think itself a boiler factory for the time being, so loudly did it tick the fatal seconds away.

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PROTHONOTARY, ETC.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for Prothonotary and Register and Recorder subject to the rules of the Republican party of McKean county.

C. W. Mitchell.

Smethport, Pa. Feb 16, 1899.

SHERIFF.

KEYSTONE MINER:—You are hereby authorized to announce my name as a candidate for the nomination of Sheriff of McKean County, subject to the rules governing the Republican party.

WM. R. CLARKE.

Smethport, Pa., March 6, 1899.

KEYSTONE MINER:—Please announce me as a candidate for the nomination of Sheriff of McKean County, subject to the Republican primaries.

BYRON CHADWICK.

Smethport, Pa., March 7, 1899.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

KEYSTONE MINER:—You are authorized to announce my name as a candidate for the nomination of District Attorney, subject to the rules of the Republican party.

JOHN P. MELVIN.

Bradford, Pa., March 1, 1899.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER.

KEYSTONE MINER:—You are authorized to announce my name as a candidate for the nomination of County Commissioner subject to the rules governing the Republican party.

ALBERT PETERSON.

Kane, Pa., Jan'y 2, 1899.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the nomination of County Commissioner, subject to the rules governing the Republican party of McKean county.

J. C. CARSON, Jr.

Lewis Run, Pa.

We are authorized to announce that C. W. Freeman of Hamlin is a candidate for the nomination of County Commissioner, subject to the rules governing the Republican party of McKean county.

KEYSTONE MINER:—You are hereby authorized to announce my name as a candidate for County Commissioner, subject to the decision of the Republican primaries.

MURRAY B. GREEN.

Smethport, Pa., March 8, 1899.

KEYSTONE MINER:—I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of County Commissioner, subject to the usages of the Republican party of McKean county.

C. M. BOARDMAN.

Derrick City, Pa., March 13.

KEYSTONE MINER:—You are authorized to announce my name as a candidate for the nomination of County Commissioner, subject to the Republican primaries.

WM. A. YOUNG.

Smethport, March 13, 1899.

KEYSTONE MINER:—Please announce that I am a candidate for County Commissioner, subject to the rules of the Republican party.

A. ANDERSON.

Bradford, Pa., April 12, 1899.

COUNTY AUDITOR.

U. E. Bell of Kane announces himself as a candidate for County Auditor, subject to the rules governing the Republican party of McKean county.

A. L. Gailey of Keating Summit announces himself as a candidate for County Auditor, subject to the rules governing the Republican party.

KEYSTONE MINER:—Please announce my name as a candidate for County Auditor, subject to the rules governing the Republican party.

JOHN W. WRIGLEY.

Kane, Pa., April 11, 1899.

KEYSTONE MINER:—Please announce my name as a candidate for County Auditor, subject to the rules governing the Republican party.

J. LESTER WARD.

Port Allegany, Pa., April 10, 1899.

STATE DELEGATE.

TO THE EDITOR:—I hereby announce myself a candidate for delegate to the Republican State Convention, subject to the decision of the Republican party of McKean county, at the primaries.

BYRON MATSON.

Bradford, April 10th, 1899.

TO THE EDITOR.—I hereby announce myself a candidate for delegate to the Republican State Convention, subject to the decision of the Republican party of McKean county, at the primaries.

J. W. BOTTUM.

Smethport, April 10th, 1899.

### CALL FOR REPUBLICAN CAUCUSES.

The Republican caucuses for primary election will be held at the regular polling places in accordance with the rules of the Republican party of McKean county, on Saturday, May 20th, 1899, between the hours of 1 and 7 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of electing in each election district one person for Prothonotary, Register, Recorder, Clerk of Courts, etc., one person for sheriff, one person for District Attorney, two persons for County Commissioners and two persons for County Auditors, and for the election of two persons to serve as delegates to the Republican State Convention, and for the election in each election district of one person to serve as a member of the County Committee for the ensuing year, and that the County Convention be held at the court house in Smethport on Tuesday, May 23d, at 2 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of canvassing the vote of said caucuses and the electing of a chairman of the County Committee for the ensuing year.

JOHN P. MELVIN,
Chairman

A. D. GOULD,
Secretary.

Bradford, Pa., April 13th, 1899.

**REAR ADMIRAL JOHN C. WATSON will go to Manila to relieve Admiral Dewey.**

**WIRELESS** telegraphy is one of the greatest inventions of the nineteenth century. Its wonderful accuracy is a surprise to the entire world.

**ADMIRAL DEWEY** will be home about July 1st. He has accepted an invitation to attend a $10,000 dinner. By the time he finishes that repast he will wish himself back in Manila. It is tough on a man to be a hero.

**AS EVIDENCE** of the threatened freeze out of the MINER the final accounts do not appear in its columns this week, for the first time in many years. The MINER will have more to say about this matter next week, and will disclose the means used to keep men in line.

**HELEN WATTERSON'S** "star eyed goddess of reform" is evidently bringing about considerable improvement, as a Kentucky jury composed entirely of white men has recently awarded a negro named George Denning damages to the amount of $20,000 against the leading members of a mob who had caused him to be sent to prison for killing one of the party while shooting at his house.

**QUAY** was a direct issue before the people of this State in the November campaign of last year.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

**The Inquirer**, if it knows anything, knows that such is not the case. The Republican speakers during the campaign last fall were as afraid of touching upon the Quay issue as the devil is supposed to be afraid of holy water. If the Inquirer will search its columns issued during the campaign it will be surprised to find how ardently it labored to avoid bringing Quay into the issue.

**DEPUTY ATT'Y GENERAL FLEITZ** has rendered an opinion to Auditor-General McCauley in which he holds that county officials shall furnish any department of the State with information when so provided for by the act of April, 1897, the compensation for which shall be fixed by the Auditor-General. The Deputy Attorney General also decides in an opinion to the Attorney-General that all stock of building and loan associations of whatsoever kind or nature upon which the association pay any rate of interest is liable to State tax under the act of June, 1897, and should be returned for taxation.

### "ANY HONEST MAN."

The State Treasury is no longer a club in the hands of the Quay bosses. They have used it in past campaigns for all it was worth. They have lost their only ammunition. Any honest man of ordinary intelligence can rob the State Treasury, thanks to the law that a Quay Legislature passed. Under that law there is absolutely no opportunity for manipulating State funds. The public money is placed in banks, and the interest upon that money is paid into the State Treasury. * * *—Philadelphia Inquirer.

The above few words furnish food for thought. When the Inquirer says, "Any honest man of ordinary intelligence can rob the State Treasury, thanks to the law that a Quay Legislature passed," it makes a great confession. "Any honest man." That seems to convey the idea which has taken root to a considerable extent in the State that honesty in the State Treasury had not predominated to any great extent and the statute of limitation seems to have been an important factor in keeping the transactions of the State Treasurers in the past from being brought to the bright sunlight, where even a Quayite would have been able to perceive the hidden rascality that had transpired. Then "thanks to the law that a Quay Legislature passed." Yes; "when the devil was sick, etc." If the Inquirer would look back at the record of that famous "Quay Legislature" it would discover the sturdy 75 that forced that law upon the "Quay Legislature." The Inquirer is persistent in its adoration for the boss, so persistent, in fact, that it even attempts to steal the glory that is due to the opposition. "Under that law there is absolutely no opportunity for manipulating State funds." What an acknowledgment from the great Inquirer. Great Scott, what must the former law have been! There evidently was a contraband in the wood pile. What an opportunity the old law must have offered for "manipulating State funds." No wonder Quay said he could not receive justice in the criminal courts of Philadelphia and sought the aid of the Supreme Court. No wonder the Quayites wrought so earnestly in the Legislature to secure the passage of the McCarrell bill. No wonder an ex United States Senator would seek the aid of the statute of limitations, when, as a man holding such an exalted position, he should have sought and asked for the most rigid and searching investigation into the charges against him. No wonder that his followers in the Legislature held out to the close of the session, knowing full well that there was no hope of his election, and that the man who said last fall in his campaign throughout the State that he was "no man's man," and if elected he would be governor, would appoint Quay to be Senator in direct opposition to the constitution of the State and Nation, even asking the Senate of the United Stated to reverse itself. No wonder the lash of the local bosses in the different counties is applied to whip the timid into line. But there will be a day of reckoning. Look out for the gathering storm that will come at Harrisburg on the 29th of May, when those bribers will find difficulties staring them in the face that even Quay's influence cannot keep them from dividing. There will be music in the brambles and when that trial is ended Quay may not be so anxious to slip into the Senate chamber by asking the Senate to reverse itself.

### DALZELL FOR SPEAKER.

The suggestion has been made that John Dalzell of Pittsburg would make a competent Speaker of the House of Representatives. So he would. He is one of the best known and best fitted all around men in Congress. But he won't be Speaker.

New York and the West have candidates, but great Pennsylvania, the Keystone State, the State which leads the Union in manufacturing interests and is only second to New York in foreign commerce, has none. Dalzell, under certain circumstances, would fill the bill, but the circumstances are not present. Dalzell has killed himself by his actions. No man can hope to win the Speakership unless his State is back of him, and Pennsylvania is not back of Dalzell.

Why? Because the Congress of the United States believes in M. S. Quay, and Dalzell does not. That's why. Dalzell has no friends in the House. He made the mistake of taking the stump against Quay. He has followed the devious and repellant course of the Flinn-Martin insurgents. He has made inventive, falsehood and malice his weapon, and he has lost.

And thus Pennsylvania is deprived of a promising candidate for the Speakership because Dalzell is not in touch with Pennsylvania and is not in touch with the House. These insurgents, these party wreckers, will discover in the course of time on which side their bread is buttered. John Dalzell has made the discovery in his own case already, and he has found that the butter is on the wrong side.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Did anyone ever hear of such unmitigated gall? Because Mr. Dalzell did not fall down and worship at the shrine of Quay the Inquirer has the audacity to say he cannot be Speaker of the House, "because the Congress of the United States believes in M. S. Quay." This clearly demonstrates the animosity of the Quay element in the State. If anyone dares breathe, even in the faintest whisper, against the boss he is forever ostracized from any future recognition by the satellites of Quayism. How much longer will the voters of Pennsylvania bow down in this worse than Russian serfdom politically! Has it come to such a pass that Quay and a few of his henchmen throughout the State shall have more power than the Czar of Russia ever aspired to? The Inquirer acknowledges Mr. Dalzell's ability for the Speakership, but because he would not worship the Inquirer's idol he must be deprived of his just dues, and some other man of far less ability be given the Speakership, because perchance the influence thus rendered might throw a Senatorial vote in Quay's favor and thus aid him in stealing into the United States Senate. All must bow to the boss.

Many old soldiers now feel the effects of the hard service they endured during the war. Mr. Geo. S Anderson, of Rossville, York county, Penn., who saw the hardest kind of service at the front, is now frequently troubled with rheumatism and had a severe attack lately,' he says, 'and procured a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm. It did so much good that I would like to know what you would charge me for a dozen bottles." Mr. Anderson wanted it both for his own use and to supply it to his friends and neighbors, as every family should have a bottle of it in their house, not only for rheumatism, but lame back, sprains, swellings, cuts, bruises and burns, for which it is unequalled. For sale by L. K. Hogarth & Co

Don't think you can cure that slight attack of dyspepsia by dieting, or that it will cure itself. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure will cure it; it "digests what you eat" and restores the digestive organs to health. L. K. Hogarth & Co.

### JUST LIKE PENNSYLVANIA.

A committee of the House of Representatives at Harrisburg reported that certain persons—several members of the House and one ex Congressman among them—ought to be prosecuted for attempted bribery. The House accepted the report, appointed a special committee of three to institute criminal proceedings against the persons designated, and inserted in the general appropriation bill an item of $5,000 to cover the necessary expenses. Of course, the Senate has a rules as to all appropriations, big or little. The bill went to conference committee. There the $5,000 item was quietly suppressed. The special committee charged with the duty of trying to bring those alleged corrupt scoundrels of the Quay persuasion to justice were left without a dollar for the railroad fares of witnesses and the fees of counsel. We take it for granted that Mr. John Wanamaker and other well-to-do private citizens have supplied or will supply the special committee with all the dollars needed. But what a characteristically Pennsylvanian performance it was!—Hartford Courant (Rep)

This is how the machine conducts business in the State. During the greater part of the session of the Legislature last winter, the bribery committee worked late and early to unearth the rascality that was going on at the capital of the State. The lawmakers had been approached by rascals and offered as high as $6,000 to vote for the reconsideration of the McCarrell bill, and others sums of like size to vote for Quay. And now to have the conference committee knock out the $5,000 in the appropriation bill in order to defeat the work of the special committee appointed by the House to prosecute these men who had attempted to bribe members to vote for Quay, whom the machine says was vindicated. What rot! Will anyone with an ounce of brains, who is honest, allege for a moment that these men who are charged with bribery were so much interested in the McCarrell bill and the election of Quay that they were willing to take such large sums from their own pockets in order to secure votes for the passage of the measure or the election of Quay to the Senate? Why, a blind mole would be almost able to see it; if not he could smell it.

Men, Republicans of Pennsylvania, be true to the principles of the party and to the State of which we are all so justly proud. There are many capable and honorable men in the State, who are not allied with the machine, and who would faithfully and honorably discharge the duties to which they were elected. The machine in its anxiety to shout for the "Scotch verdict," and knowing that the $5,000 in the appropriation bill had been wiped out, became so jubilant in its exultation that even men and newspapers, who had not made a peep all winter on either side of the question, crawled out of their holes and began to pipe the praises of the boss, and say they knew all the time that it was persecution. How quickly, like flies, they have gathered around the bosses' molasses cask, where they will fawn and purr in the hopes of getting a sweet morsel of public pap. Every man who desires to have better and purer politics in the State and have these alleged bribers prosecuted should contribute something toward a fund to be placed in the hands of the special prosecuting committee, and thus give them the means of wiping out such reprehensible work in the future.

### ALTOGETHER NONSENSICAL.

If the Republicans of McKean county are lured into factional fights on their local tickets, because the Democratic papers want them to engage in that kind of business, then they are entitled to be recognized as simpletons of the first water.—Kane Republican.

This would be all right and proper if it stopped at the local ticket. But Mr. Rogers knows as well as every other man in McKean county that almost before the convention closes on Tuesday, the 23d day of this month, a message will be flashed to State headquarters announcing McKean county as solidly for Quay, and this message will no doubt be sent by a prominent county official who considers himself next to the "whole thing." If a candidate for a county office would keep aloof from this zeal for the boss it would be different, but the wire is strung from headquarters and they cannot any more resist giving it a pull than a cat could resist lapping milk when set before her. And thus Mr. Rogers and many others, against their honest convictions, assist in more securely fastening the fetters of political slavery upon themselves.

THE MCKEAN COUNTY MINER, one of the most intelligent and earnest Republican papers of the State, is just now being pursued and persecuted by all the methods known to Quayism because it has had self-respect enough to express opinions not made for it by the bosses. It entertains the extraordinary belief that the boss machine is not a good thing for the Republican party, and so the machine has set to work to deprive our contemporary of the chance to live by keeping from it all the official and other advertising it can influence. This is the sort of thing that is going on all over the State, but it cannot touch a newspaper having the quality of manliness.—Philadelphia Press.

It is said enough promises have been made by U. S Senators to insure the seating of Quay when that body meets in December.—Marienville Express.

Bro. Shick, there is just as much reliance to be placed in this assertion as there was in the claims of his election last winter. The United States Senate will not reverse a long-established precedent.

### A Marvel Hoops.

Thankful words written by Mrs. Ada E. Hart of Gorton, S. D. "Was taken with a bad cold which settled on my lungs; cough set in and finally terminated in consumption. Four doctors gave me up, saying I could live but a short time. I gave myself up to my Savior, determined if I could not stay with my friends on earth, I would meet my absent ones above. My husband was advised to get Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption, coughs and colds. I gave it a trial, took in all eight bottles. It has cured me, and thank God I am saved and am now a well and healthy woman." Trial bottles free at L. K. Hogarth & Co.'s drug store. Regular size 50c and $1 00. Guaranteed or price refunded.

### Grip Treatment.

Grip can be broken up in from one to three days by the prompt use of Down's Elixir. It has done it. It will do it. Try it before pneumonia or consumption sets in. After grip, Baxter's Mandrake Bitters are nature's remedy for expelling all grip poisons from the blood, regulating the bowels, strengthening the nerves and imparting vigor to the system.

With these long-tried remedies at hand the worst case of grip can be conquered. We sell them and guarantee them to do as recommended, or money refunded. L. K. Hogarth & Co., H. C. Wells.

Some of the men in McKean county who take so much delight in courting the Quay dollar are accusing the MINER of attempting to destroy the Republican organization in the county, because it opposes bossism. To such a foolish and groundless accusation the MINER would say, it defies them to find one word of unrepublicanism in its columns since the present management took charge of it in November, 1893. Every article of a political character has urged purer and better politics in the State and Nation. The MINER desires to have the party continue as established by Lincoln, Seward and others. Not a party controlled by men whose political careers are of such a character that it becomes necessary to hide behind laws of which no public servant should take advantage in order to escape conviction on the charges preferred against them. Such men and measures the MINER opposes, and takes pardonable pride in so doing. The MINER has no apologies to offer for anything said along this line. The MINER asks what it is perfectly willing to grant to any newspaper (as long as they are honest in their belief), the privilege of their own opinions, which should be denied no one.

STRAYED or stolen, a large hydra headed monster. When last seen it was coiled up in a mare's nest near Smethport. It wore a Quay collar suitably inscribed, and was evidently in search of trouble. It was noticed that the monster was quite corpulent. It had been fattening on the constitutional rights of the people and the Insurgents. The rumor that the creature had been losing some of its heads is denied. They were all there. Its eyes were large and baleful and its tail was so long that the statute of limitation never touched it. Any information respecting its whereabouts will be thankfully received Address, The MINER, Smethport, Pa

The above brain-racking editorial by the eminent Mr. Dennison of the Bradford Era is a sample of three or four that the distinguished editor of the Era has seen fit to launch at the MINER lately. He seems to think that this vein of ridicule is eminently proper and will answer the purpose, but the MINER thinks otherwise and will continue its present course, regardless of what the Era may say. The MINER is honest in its conviction and will not swerve one iota in its labors for a better and purer state of political affairs in the Commonwealth.

**WHAT'S** the matter with Colonel Hawkins for State Treasurer!—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Well, what's the matter with Col. E. A. Irvin of Curwensville, who went out as a captain under Col. Kane with the famous Bucktail regiment and served his country faithfully until so severely wounded that a discharge from further service was necessary. The MINER does not wish to detract in any sense from the heroic deeds of Col. Hawkins and the bravery he has displayed in the Philippines, but he is no more worthy of public recognition than Col. Irvin, who served his country just as faithfully, being twice wounded, the last time so severely that he was discharged from the service. Col. Irvin was fighting men who did not retreat at the first fire, but would hold their ground until most of them were laid low in the dust. It would seem that Col. Irvin is just as much entitled to the honor of being elected State Treasurer as any man in the State, barring no one—not even Gen. Gregg.

### School Report.

Following is the report of the Smethport schools for the eighth month:

PRIMARY.

Total attendance, 52.
Per cent. of attendance, boys, 91; girls, 85.
Following pupils were not absent during the month:

| | |
|---|---|
| Frank Barbour | Guard Young |
| Clinton Clark | Elton Anderson |
| Paul Bonning | Ina Shelley |
| Eddie Engstrum | Rose Quackenbush |
| Henry Hatch | Iva Mason |
| Ethel Holland | Laura Gavin |
| Elmer Holland | Jennie Kohn |
| Lewis Jordan | Ada Ness |
| Harry Metzgar | |

Visitors—Dr. Chadwick.

Mary L. Dibble, Teacher.

SECOND AND THIRD GRADES.

Total attendance, 51.
Per cent. of attendance, boys, 94.8; girls, 92.5.
The following were not absent during the month:

| | |
|---|---|
| Fred Anderson | Libbie Bates |
| Zola Brassel* | Winnifred Clark |
| Fred Burlingame | Alan Eckels |
| Sallie Nixon | Floyd Heath |
| Alfred Eish | Edna Holland |
| Bessie Engstrum | Ralph Herzog |
| Eddie Gavin | Mildred Holker |
| Marion Hatch* | Fay Knapp |
| Scott McClure | Katherine Mayo |
| Rena McCammon | Edna Ness |
| Ora McCammon | Elmer Olsson |
| Ina Milroy | Fred Specht* |
| Suie Kissock | Alfred Sturdivant |
| Scott Camp | Geo. Barrett* |

Rose Allen, Teacher.

FOURTH AND FIFTH GRADES.

Total number in attendance, 58.
Per cent. of attendance, boys, 94; girls, 92.
Pupils not absent during the month:

| | |
|---|---|
| Mary Anderson | Jennie Ryan |
| Anna Bates | Lena Tuma |
| Jessie Bush | Sidney Bordick |
| Edna Baker | Roy Colegrove |
| Alice Daly | Harry Dolan |
| Martha Kaela | LeRoy Jordan |
| Rose e Hall | Fred Trimble |
| Jennie Kessler | Perry Wilson |
| Roxie Previn | Herbert Yordon |

M. M. Hibbard, Teacher.

SIXTH AND SEVENTH GRADES.

Total attendance, 38.
Per cent. of attendance, boys, 95; girls, 97.
The following pupils were not absent during the month:

| | |
|---|---|
| Fred Mase * | Frances McClure |
| Wellie Stark | Addie Moster |
| Bessie Madigan | Maude Frost |
| Fred Bisner | Eva Hoffman |
| Lloyd Young | Carrie Dickinson |
| Kenneth Mayo* | Estella Rubin |
| Chester Townsend | Beulah Holder |
| Lloyd Dowker | Truman Allen* |
| Harry Mase | Alberta Sturdivant |
| Allie Heath | Lena Johnson |
| Harry Bennett | Gertrude Irons |
| Myron Gallup* | Elsie Sherer |
| Anna Berge | Thos Jordan |

Visitor—Miss Rebecca Jordan

Genevieve Stevenson, Teacher.

EIGHTH GRADE.

Total attendance, 32.
Per cent. of attendance, boys, 97; girls, 98.
The following pupils were not absent during the month:

| | |
|---|---|
| Rachel Mayo* | Pearl Green |
| Ora Campbell | Mable Camp |
| Bertha Weiskal | Rose Riggs |
| Gertie McCammon | Geraldine Holmes |
| Bessie Previn | Edwin McClure |
| Ethel Tull | |

Visitor—Ella Young.

Stella Tate, Teacher.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Total attendance, 82.
Per cent. of attendance, boys, 97.4; girls, 94.4.
The following named pupils were not absent during the month:

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|---|---|
| Victor Beston* | Edith Young |
| Charles Fowler* | Ida Wyatt* |
| Geo Brennan* | Edna Church |
| Lee Campbell | Beatrice Gifford |
| Montford Green | Bertha Jackson |
| Marion Jackson | Amanda Jacobson |
| Chas. McCoy* | Mamie Colegrove |
| Elmer Kaiser | Pearl Dyer |
| Harry Camp | Rachel Hubbs |
| Chas. Mosier* | Ida Rabin |
| | Anna Servatius |

Visitors—Mr. Mott, Francis Campbell, Ella Young.

Those not marked with a star were neither absent nor tardy during the month.

W. F. Kahle, Principal.
Alice J. Bickers, Assistant.

### The Sure La Grippe Cure.

There is no use suffering from this dreadful malady, if you will only get the right remedy. You are having pain all through your body, your liver is out of order, have no appetite, no life or ambition, have a bad cold, in fact are completely used up. Electric Bitters is the only remedy that will give you prompt and sure relief. They act directly on your liver, stomach and kidneys, tone up the whole system and make you feel like a new being. They are guaranteed to cure or price refunded. For sale at L. K. Hogarth & Co.'s drug store, only 50 cents per bottle.

Pneumonia, la grippe, coughs, colds, croup and whooping cough readily yield to One Minute Cough Cure. Use this remedy in time and save a doctor's bill—or the undertaker's. L. K. Hogarth & Co.


# Cash Bargain Day, Furniture Values

Saturday, May 13,

**At J. COLEGROVE'S**

| | |
|---|---|
| 9 lbs rolled oats for | 25c |
| 2 pkgs Wheatlet for | 25c |
| 2 " Pillsbury Vitos for | 25c |
| 2 " Pettijohn Breakfast for | 25c |
| 3 " Dundee rolled oats for | 25c |
| 3 " Nickel rolled oats for | 10c |
| Santos blend coffee to day per pound | 15c |
| Pure Rio coffee at | 12c |
| 3 crown raisins, 3 lbs for | 25c |
| 60 to 70 prunes, 3 lbs for | 25c |
| 4lb pkg Gold Dust for | 15c |
| We are selling carpets right. 18 patterns to select from, largest variety in town, per yard | 35 to 75c |
| White goods, per yd | 10 to 25c |
| Percale, no two patterns alike to-day | $1.00 |
| 10 to 12 yds in each pattern. | |
| Men's hose, a few doz, to-day per pair | 5c |
| 3 cans superior sweet corn for | 20c |
| 3 " " wax beans for | 20c |
| Eagle tomatoes are fancy stock and we sell them as low as inferior goods are sold, per can | 10c |

J. COLEGROVE.


### Notice in Divorce.

A. D. No. 36, December Term, 1898

MCKEAN COUNTY, ss:—THE COMMONwealth of Pennsylvania to the sheriff of said county, greeting:

Whereas, Adna Wright did, on the 15 day of October, 1898, prefer her petition to our said Judges of the said Court of Common Pleas of said County, praying for the causes therein set forth and might be divorced from the bonds of matrimony entered into with you, C. W. Wright.

We therefore command you, the said C. W. Wright, that setting aside all other business and excuses whatsoever, you be and appear in your proper person before our Judges at Smethport, at a Court of Common Pleas to be held for the County of McKean, on the first Monday of June next, to answer the petition of libel of Adna Wright, your wife, should not be divorced from the bonds of matrimony entered into with you, C. W. Wright.

And further command you, the said C. W. Wright, that setting aside all other business and excuses whatsoever, you do and appear in your proper person before our Judges at Smethport, at a Court of Common Pleas to be held for the County of McKean, on the first Monday of June next, to answer the petition or libel of Adna Wright, your wife, should not be divorced from the bonds of matrimony, agreeably to the Acts of Assembly in such cases made and provided. Herein fail not.

A true copy. J. F. DAVIS, Sheriff.

H. Decker, Libellant's Attorney.
Smethport, Pa., May 6, 1899.

### Notice in Divorce.

A. D. No. 33, December Term, 1898.

MCKEAN COUNTY, ss:—THE COMMONwealth of Pennsylvania to the sheriff of said county, greeting:

Whereas, Mary Alvord did, on the 5th day of October, 1898, prefer her petition to our said Judges of the said Court of Common Pleas of said County, praying for the causes therein set forth she might be divorced from the bonds of matrimony entered into with you, Frank H. Alvord

We therefore command you, the said Frank H. Alvord, that setting aside all other business and excuses whatsoever, you be and appear in your proper person before our Judges at Smethport, at a Court of Common Pleas to be held for the County of McKean, on the first Monday of June next, to answer the petition of libel of Mary Alvord and show cause, if any you have, why the said Mary Alvord should not be divorced from the bonds of matrimony, agreeably to the Act of Assembly in such cases made and provided. Herein fail not.

A true copy. J. F. DAVIS, Sheriff.

C. E. Judd, Libellant's Attorney.
Smethport, Pa., May 8, 1899.

### Notice in Divorce.

A. D. No. 42, December Term, 1898.

MCKEAN COUNTY, ss:—THE COMMONwealth of Pennsylvania to the sheriff of said county, greeting:

Whereas, J. May Smith did, on the 15th day of October, 1898, prefer her petition to our said Judges of the said Court of Common Pleas of said county, praying for the causes therein set forth she might be divorced from the bonds of matrimony entered into with you, George W. Smith.

We therefore command you, the said George W. Smith, that setting aside all other business and excuses whatsoever, you be and appear in your proper person before our Judges at Smethport, at a Court of Common Pleas to be held for the county of McKean on the first Monday of June next to answer the petition or libel of J. May Smith and show cause, if any you have, why the said J. May Smith, your wife, should not be divorced from the bonds of matrimony, agreeably to the Acts of Assembly in such cases made and provided. Herein fail not.

A true copy. J. F. DAVIS, Sheriff.

James George, Libellant's Attorney.
Smethport, Pa., May 8, 1899

### Notice in Divorce.

A. D. No. 141, December Term, 1898.

MCKEAN COUNTY, ss:—THE COMMONwealth of Pennsylvania to the sheriff of said county, greeting:

Whereas, Nellie Mosher did, on the 1st day of November, 1898, prefer her petition to our said Judges of the said Court of Common Pleas of said county, praying for the causes therein set forth she might be divorced from the bonds of matrimony entered into with you, Avery Mosher.

We therefore command you, the said Avery Mosher, that setting aside all other business and excuses whatsoever, you be and appear in your proper person before our Judges at Smethport, at a Court of Common Pleas to be held for the county of McKean, on the first Monday of June next, to answer the petition or libel of Nellie Mosher, your wife, should not be divorced from the bonds of matrimony, agreeably to the Acts of Assembly in such cases made and provided. Herein fail not.

A true copy. J. F. DAVIS, Sheriff.

J. M. McClure, Libellant's Attorney.
Smethport, Pa., May 8, 1899.

### Notice in Divorce.

A. D. No. 35, December Term, 1898.

MCKEAN COUNTY, ss:—THE COMMONwealth of Pennsylvania to the sheriff of said county, greeting:

Whereas, Mary E. Frisbie did on the 5th day of October, 1898, prefer her petition to our said Judges of the said Court of Common Pleas of said county, praying for the causes therein set forth she might be divorced from the bonds of matrimony entered into with you, Melvin T. Frisbie.

We therefore command you, the said Melvin T. Frisbie, that setting aside all other business and excuses whatsoever, you be and appear in your proper person before our Judges at Smethport, at a Court of Common Pleas to be held for the county of McKean, on the first Monday of June next, to answer the petition or libel of Mary E. Frisbie and show cause, if any you have, why the said Mary E. Frisbie, your wife, should not be divorced from the bonds of matrimony, agreeably to the Acts of Assembly in such cases made and provided. Herein fail not.

A true copy. J. F. DAVIS, Sheriff.

Mellin & Mellin, Libellant's Attorneys.
Smethport, Pa., May 8, 1899.

### Notice in Divorce.

A. D. No. 29, December Term, 1898.

MCKEAN COUNTY, ss:—THE COMMONwealth of Pennsylvania, to the sheriff of said county, greeting:

Whereas, A. D. Heimer did, on the 3d day of October, 1898, prefer his petition to our said Judges of the said Court of Common Pleas of said county, praying for the causes therein set forth he might be divorced from the bonds of matrimony entered into with you, George W. Hinds.

We therefore command you, the said Adaline G. Hinds, that setting aside all other business and excuses whatsoever, you be and appear in your proper person before our Judges at Smethport, at a Court of Common Pleas to be held for the county of McKean, on the first Monday of June next to answer the petition or libel of A. D. Heimer and show cause, if any you have, why the said A. D. Heimer, your husband, should not be divorced from the bonds of matrimony entered into with you, George W. Hinds.

We therefore command you, the said Adaline G. Hinds, that setting aside all other business and excuses whatsoever, you be and appear in your proper person before our Judges at Smethport, at a Court of Common Pleas to be held for the county of McKean, on the first Monday of June next to answer the petition or libel of A. D. Heimer and show cause, if any you have, why the said A. D. Heimer, your husband, should not be divorced from the bonds of matrimony entered into with you, Adaline G. Heimer.

We therefore command you, the said Adaline G. Hinds, that setting aside all other business and excuses whatsoever, you be and appear in your proper person before our Judges at Smethport, at a Court of Common Pleas to be held for the county of McKean, on the first Monday of June next to answer the petition or libel of A. D. Heimer and show cause, if any you have, why the said A. D. Heimer, your husband, should not be divorced from the bonds of matrimony entered into with you, George W. Hinds.

We therefore command you, the said Adaline G. Hinds, that setting aside all other business and excuses whatsoever, you be and appear in your proper person before our Judges at Smethport, at a Court of Common Pleas to be held for the county of McKean, on the first Monday of June next to answer the petition or libel of A. D. Heimer and show cause, if any you have, why the said A. D. Heimer, your husband, should not be divorced from the bonds of matrimony entered into with you, Adaline G. Heimer.

A true copy. J. F. DAVIS, Sheriff.

James George, Libellant's Attorney.
Smethport, Pa., May 8, 1899.

### Notice in Divorce.

A. D. No. 38, December Term, 1898.

MCKEAN COUNTY, ss:—THE COMMONwealth of Pennsylvania to the sheriff of said county, greeting:

Whereas, Mary E. Frisbie did on the 5th day of October, 1898, prefer her petition to our said Judges of the said Court of Common Pleas of said county, praying for the causes therein set forth she might be divorced from the bonds of matrimony entered into with you, Melvin T. Frisbie.

We therefore command you, the said Melvin T. Frisbie, that setting aside all other business and excuses whatsoever, you be and appear in your proper person before our Judges at Smethport, at a Court of Common Pleas to be held for the county of McKean, on the first Monday of June next, to answer the petition or libel of Mary E. Frisbie and show cause, if any you have, why the said Mary E. Frisbie, your wife, should not be divorced from the bonds of matrimony, agreeably to the Acts of Assembly in such cases made and provided. Herein fail not.

A true copy. J. F. DAVIS, Sheriff.

Mellin & Mellin, Libellant's Attorneys.
Smethport, Pa., May 8, 1899.

### Notice in Divorce.

A. D. No. 39, December Term, 1898.

MCKEAN COUNTY, ss:—THE COMMONwealth of Pennsylvania to the sheriff of said county, greeting:

Whereas, Mary E. Frisbie did on the 5th day of October, 1898, prefer her petition to our said Judges of the said Court of Common Pleas of said county, praying for the causes therein set forth she might be divorced from the bonds of matrimony entered into with you, Melvin T. Frisbie.

We therefore command you, the said Melvin T. Frisbie, that setting aside all other business and excuses whatsoever, you be and appear in your proper person before our Judges at Smethport, at a Court of Common Pleas to be held for the county of McKean, on the first Monday of June next, to answer the petition or libel of Mary E. Frisbie and show cause, if any you have, why the said Mary E. Frisbie, your wife, should not be divorced from the bonds of matrimony, agreeably to the Acts of Assembly in such cases made and provided. Herein fail not.

A true copy. J. F. DAVIS, Sheriff.

Mellin & Mellin, Libellant's Attorneys.
Smethport, Pa., May 8, 1899.

### Notice in Divorce.

A. D. No. 40, December Term, 1898.

MCKEAN COUNTY, ss:—THE COMMONwealth of Pennsylvania to the sheriff of said county, greeting:

Whereas, W. J. Smith did, on the 11th day of October, 1898, prefer his petition to our said Judges of the said Court of Common Pleas of said county, praying for the causes therein set forth he might be divorced from the bonds of matrimony entered into with you, Edna Smith.

We therefore command you, the said Edna Smith, that setting aside all other business and excuses whatsoever, you be and appear in your proper person before our Judges at Smethport, at a Court of Common Pleas there to be held for the County of McKean, on the first Monday of June next, to answer the petition or libel of W. J. Smith and show cause, if any you have, why the said W. J. Smith, your husband, should not be divorced from the bonds of matrimony, agreeably to the acts of assembly in such cases made and provided. Herein fail not.

A true copy. J. F. DAVIS, Sheriff.

Mellin & Mellin, Libellant's Attorneys.
Smethport, Pa., May 8, 1899.

### Notice.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT AN application will be made to the Governor of the State of Pennsylvania, on Wednesday, June 7th, 1899 by A. H. Doyle, T. F. Hemphill, John Forrest, H. L. Medley, [illegible] Halderman, R. D. Hamond and P. D. Gallagher, under the Act of Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, entitled "An act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of certain corporations," approved April 29, 1874, and the supplements thereto, for the charter of an intended corporation to be called Madison Electric Light, Heat & Power Company; the character and object of which is manufacturing electric light and gas heat, and other articles and products of same, or wood, and the acquiring and selling of such articles, and for those purposes to have and to possess and enjoy all the rights, benefits and privileges of the said Act of Assembly and the supplements.

SCOTT & GALLUP,
Solicitors.


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**We advertise here because we want you to know the advantage of buying important things at this store. You want to see variety, and we have it.**

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Sweet's cabs—the cabs for 15 years have held the favor of Bradford mothers. They are honest cabs, made to last. Too many cabs are made merely for show. No other cabs have

Novelty springs,
Patent brakes,
Patent parasol rods.

All styles—all prices from $6 00 up. All have rubber-tired wheels.

## GO-CARTS.

For babies who sit up. They will be extensively used this season. With rubber-tired wheels—$4 50 up.

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Every

## Extraordinary Underwear Sale.

We got a special inducement on a case lot and to move them in hurry marked them

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Smethport, Pa.

**Photographs**

This has been a busy season and attests the fact that the pictures I make give perfect satisfaction When you want a good article go to the place where the most business is done.

**Graphophones**

The acme of perfection it seems has been reached in the manufacture of these machines. Come and listen free of charge No trouble.

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Smethport, Pa.

DO YOU KNOW
that when you are smoking an
AMERICAN GENLEMAN CIGAR
you are receiving more real value for your money than any other ten cigar offer you?
IF YOU DON'T KNOW get into the band wagon and know WHY At all first-class cigar stands.



**McKean County Miner**
Entered at the postoffice at Smethport as second-class mail matter

SMETHPORT, FRIDAY, MAY 12 1899.


### LOCAL AND GENERAL.

—See Lindholm & Co.'s new ad.

—W. O Gallup of Colegrove orders his Miner sent to Kane

—Read J. Colegrove's bargain announcement this week.

—Billy Black who has been quite ill for several days, is around again.

—The Democratic County Committee will meet here next Tuesday, May 16

—D C. Young is having some repairs made on his residence on West Main street.

—Forty-seven young people were confirmed at St. Elizabeth's church yesterday forenoon.

—Hon Henry Hamlin will make extensive repairs on his green house in the near future

—Chas Bates commenced the excavation of a cellar for a new house on Mill street this week.

—Read H W Barons' new advertisement on the first page He is offering some rare bargains

—Charles Bigelow moved last Tuesday from the Ford building to Mrs S S Washburn's building on West Main street.

—Martin Miller has lumber on the ground for the erection of a house on Cowgery street east of Harry Wells' residence.

—H C Hoffman had his right leg badly crushed by a log in the woods near Hazelhurst on Monday. He was taken to Bradford

—The Miner calls the attention of the Cemetery Association to the necessity of repairing the sidewalk and steps leading to the cemetery.

—Twenty-five candidates were initiated into the Protected Home Circle on Wednesday This speaks well for the prosperity of that order

—M L. Armstrong has a new advertisement in to-day's paper Read it carefully and when in need of anything in his line give him a call

—Don't fail to read Belt Bros advertisement this week They offer bargains in carpets this week that are stormers. Call on them and save money.

—Rev H H. Bradley will preach in the Swedish Evangelical church on May 22 He will speak in the English language, subject, 'Holiness Unto the Lord."

—Rev I T. Walker will preach the Memorial Day sermon at M E. church Sunday at 7:30 p. m A most cordial invitation is extended to all to attend

—Justice O T Chase of East Smethport was a most agreeable caller Tuesday last. Mr Chase is now prepared to try cases and join young or old in wedlock.

—The Brotherhood of America will hold an ice cream social in Garthwait's hall Saturday evening, May 13 Everybody invited.—Port Allegany Reporter

—A dwelling and two barns, near Canton were struck by lightning Wednesday Bradford county is always at the front with her lightning rod up.—Republican-Advocate.

—Lumber having advanced at the rate of about $3 00 per thousand our lumbermen are looking correspondingly happy. A two-dollar scale is not to be sneezed at these days

—List of letters remaining in the postoffice for the week ending May 6, 1899 Mrs J B Brown, Joe Dempsey Person calling for these letters please say "advertised."

—Martin Burns, Sr., was arrested and brought before Squire Knapp Tuesday for threatening to shoot Jas. Quirk. The case was dropped upon payment of costs by Burns.

—The Bradford Sunday Post contains a fine picture of the murdered Tom Griffin, also an excellent illustration of the place where the body was found. The Post is certainly up to date.

—The Miner is pleased to learn that F S. Baker has been engaged to superintend the erection of the new glass works at Kane. He is a most excellent workman and such are always appreciated.

—Commencement exercises of the Smethport High School will be held in the court house next Thursday night. The class sermon will be delivered by Rev J. H. McCandless in the Episcopal church on Sunday, 14th inst., at 10:30 a. m

—The county commissioners have offered a reward of $200 for the arrest and conviction of the person or persons who murdered Thomas Griffin in Bradford on Friday night, April 28. See notice in another column.

—Rev Dr Walker will deliver his lecture on Abraham Lincoln before the H C Gardner Post, No 247, of Bolivar, N Y., on Decoration Day He will also lecture in the evening on "The Conditions of Success."

—Last Monday afternoon Squire Knapp joined in wedlock Wm. L Carruthers and Miss Mary Reiter both of Crosby, at the Rose house This is without doubt the first wedding that ever occurred in that edifice

—A meeting of the graduates of the Smethport high school will be held in the high school room on Friday, May 12, at 3.30 p m for the purpose of organizing an Alumni Association Let all graduates come if possible

—The engineers on the W. N Y & P. are working Sundays and overtime and state that business was never better on that road than at the present time—Olean Times Yes, that Mckinley bill is rapidly being liquidated

—While in Syracuse last week Orlo J Hamlin purchased a well matched pair of roadsters They are of the best trotting stock, having a mark of 2 20 and the chances are that Orlo will not eat much dust while behind the chestnuts.

—Judge Reynolds, the people's popular candidate for county commissioner, has been refused a place on the ticket for the primary elections. If the Judge is the man we take him to be a suit for heavy damages will be instituted at once.

—On Monday morning A J Warshofsky was the happiest man in town Sunday evening a bright young boy of regulation size sought shelter at his home and, of course, Abe being tender hearted the request was granted Cigars were plentiful.

—Dr Benninghoff of Bradford was called over last Monday to assist Drs. Brown, Clark and McCoy in performing an operation on D. L Haven for appendicitis. The operation was successfully performed and Mr Haven will soon be around again

—Mr. and Mrs O T Moses, who have been here for the past ten days disposing of a bankrupt stock of dress goods, left for Eldred Wednesday While here they disposed of a great many goods and our people speak highly of their goods and business methods.

—The Bradford Era is again urging the county commissioners to appoint a county detective The Miner is in hearty accord with the movement and trusts that as soon as the county commissioners have a little more time the wishes of the Era will be complied with.

—At St Luke's church on next Sunday the services will be at 8 and 10 30 a m and at 7 30 p m An address will be given to the graduates of the High School at the 10 30 a. m service The anthem for Ascensiontide will be Gounod's "Unfold Ye Portals Everlasting."

—The Misses Beale and Theresa Heinemann gave a very enjoyable progressive pedro party to a number of their young friends at their beautiful home, above Colegrove, on Tuesday night. An excellent repast was served Favors were won by Edwin Gallup and Clinton Burdick.

—At an experience meeting an humble brother said he wore out the knees of his trousers in three months' praying and the seat in three months' backsliding; but he was glad to say he was gaining ground as recently the seat of his trousers lasted longer than the knees.—Exchange.

—The music at St. Luke's was exceptionally fine on Sunday night, and the duet sung by Miss Carrie Servatius and Mr. Charles E McCoy was well rendered and highly appreciated by the large audience. It is rarely that superior music is rendered in large city churches

—Mr Geo Lauer and Miss Belle Lillibridge were married at Port Allegany Saturday. Rev J H McCandless of this place officiating The happy couple are among Port's best known and popular young people and the Miner extends to them a hearty wish for a prosperous and happy future

—Rev. G. W. Halliwell has received official notification that he has been appointed a State trustee of the Clarion State Normal School for the ensuing three years. This is a very complimentary recognition of Mr Halliwell's ability and speaks well of his standing among the powers that be.—Kane Republican.

—The attention of our readers is respectfully directed to the new advertisement of George Howe of East Smethport, which appears in another column of today's Miner Mr Howe has taken great care in selecting machinery and he invites all in need of his wares to call on him and get prices. Read his ad and profit thereby.

—Gov Stone has signed the bill requiring transient retail merchants in cities, boroughs and townships to pay a license of not less than $25 a month. If the law is enforced it will come nigh wiping out the army of street peddlers which invades Renovo every pay day. A borough ordinance should now be passed to conform with the new law.—Record

—Rev. Dr Walker will preach next Sunday morning at 10 a. m on the following topic, 'The Plow and the Seed. A Sermon for the Season" In the evening there will be special services conducted by the Epworth League, the occasion being the tenth anniversary of the Epworth League of the M E church An interesting program will be provided.

—Mr. and Mrs Hans Hanson of Kushequa avenue welcomed a pair of twins at the Hanson residence Monday morning, May 1st. This rounds out an even dozen of another generation of Hanson's.—Mt. Jewett Herald It is no wonder Mr Kane has such a great desire to extend his railroad when the population in that section is increasing so rapidly Just imagine the enormous passenger traffic he will have.

—On Monday the Miner received two copies of the Johnstown, N Y, Daily News, the first copies issued under the proprietorship of C O Lamson and G W. Nellis. It is a four-page, six-column paper, well filled with interesting reading matter Mr Lamson says in the introductory that the paper will be of the Jeffersonian-Democratic type, whatever that may be, as so many different cliques claim Jefferson as their patron guide. But one thing is certain Mr Lamson will run a sound money newspaper that will fire hot shot into the 16 to 1 wing of the Democratic party. Here is success to the News.

—Governor Stone has signed the bicycle path law, and the wheelmen throughout the State are expected to work assiduously to have the provisions of the measure carried into effect. The bill provides that side paths for the use of wheelmen shall be established upon petition of twenty-five free holders, residents of the county wherein the path is desired, who shall be bicyclers, and for the appointment of three side-path commissioners. A tax of $1 for each bicycle is to be levied for the purpose of constructing and maintaining the side paths. It is believed that the amount of money that can be derived from this tax will maintain a large number of paths throughout the State.

—The home boys dance last Monday night was one of the most enjoyable affairs of that character given here in a long time. The music was excellent and the young people's feet seemed to be fitted with steel springs. One hundred supper tickets were sold Everyone who attended speaks in the highest terms of the entertainment. The home boys seem wonderfully pleased over the affair.

—Last Sunday while John Voorhees and Cal McCarty were driving toward Farmers Valley, Mr. McCarty got out of the buggy to cut a small switch; the horse gave a sudden spring and started to run. The horse seems to have gotten beyond control of Mr. Voorhees, who was thrown out at Cressmire crossing, breaking one rib and injuring his knee quite severely The horse was caught ascending the hill on the east side of the stream.

—Foreman James McGuire has made appointments as follows: Leading hosemen—Ross Knapp, Harry Backus, W. T. Seger, Sheridan Gorton Jr, A H. Pierce, Jr., Ray Wolters Hosemen—Samuel Fry, John Reilly, N D Ramer, Will Hungerford N. C Keefer. A S Burdick, Ralph Burdick Daniel Brasted, Rex Gorton, Peter Conley Laddermen—F. C Sartwell, F. D. Gallup. W. P. Walsh, D. H. Quinlisk, E. T. Daly, Wm McCammon

—The first thing to be said about lead pencils is that they are not lead pencils at all. Once upon a time sticks of lead were used for making marks on paper and wood, and the name has survived, though nowadays all the pencils are filled with graphite, or plumbago. This mineral is found in only a few places in the world—in Cumberland, England; along the Laurentian ranges, in the province of Quebec, and Ticonderoga, Vt. The largest mines on the continent are at the latter place.

—A couple of men were standing in front of a business place last Saturday discussing the marked improvement in our town and that everybody was busy when along came Mr. Blank with a hammer and saw. One of the gentlemen remarked to Mr. B., "I did not know you were a carpenter." Mr. B. replied that his case reminded him of a man who took up the carpenter trade without serving an apprenticeship and thought he must have some badge designating his trade He began looking around and found a Masonic pin which just suited his case, remarking "there is the square and compass and everybody knows that G stands for gimlet."

—At high noon Wednesday, May 10, at the home Mrs. George Boyer in Norwich township, in the presence of relatives and a few intimate friends, Miss Ida Ellingfeld was united in marriage to Mr. Rudolph C. Sasse both of Smethport, by Rev J. Heber McCandless, rector of St. Luke's church. Miss Lucy Mitchell acted as bridesmaid and Mr. R. R. Wolters as best man. After the ceremony the happy couple and the guests assembled sat down to an elegant wedding breakfast to which all did ample justice. The presents were many and costly. Mr. and Mrs. Sasse returned to Smethport in the evening and will make their home for the present with the groom's parents

—Ole Hanson of Wrights died at the Buffalo General Hospital last Monday of Bright's disease, aged 63 years. His remains were brought home and the funeral services were held there yesterday. Afterwards the remains were taken to Sartwell for interment. Mr Hanson was one of those sturdy Danes who was loth to see any evil in anyone, and always sought to do the right in all things The writer has known him since 1833, when with his parents he came to the Ole Bull settlement in Abbott township, Potter county. He afterwards moved to Sartwell creek where he was engaged in farming for a number of years. He finally established a store at Burtville which he conducted until about six years ago when he sold out and moved to Wrights where he also conducted a store. A host of friends will mourn with the bereaved family.

—McKean County Association, G. A R., held its annual business meeting here Wednesday afternoon. There was a fairly large attendance The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mr. McIlvoy, Duke Centre, vice president, J. L Johnson, Bradford, secretary, H. M Choate, Smethport; treasurer, W H Randall, Duke Center; chaplain, Rev. Chandler, Duke Center. A council of administration consisting of two members of each post in the county was appointed The question of asking the volunteers of the Spanish war to affiliate with the G. A. R was discussed. It was decided that this could not be done without altering the constitution. The place and date for holding the next annual reunion has been left for the council of administration to decide. Either Duke Center or Bradford will be selected at which Co C will be invited to participate.

—On Thursday night of last week a large delegation of the representative men of this borough congregated in Backus Hall and organized a stock company to be known as the Backus Safety Check-Hook Manufacturing Company of Smethport, Pa. A D Doyle was elected President and T. F. Hungiville Secretary and Treasurer, and a large number as a Board of Directors. Almost all of the stock was taken at that time, but since then more has been asked for than is for sale. The patentee J. C. Backus and his partner, W. H Hungerford, hold $2,500 of the stock, but have no voice as directors. The total amount of stock will be $5 000 The board of trade, it is stated, will furnish a suitable building for the manufacture of the hook and operations will soon commence Advance orders to the amount of several hundred dollars have already been received and it promises to be a decided success.


I have been a sufferer from chronic diarrhoea ever since the war and have used all kinds of medicines for it At last I found one remedy that has been a success as a cure, and that is Chamberlain's Colic Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy.—P E GRISHAM, Guava Mills, La. For sale by L. K. Hogarth & Co.

The new soda fountain of L K Hogarth & Co is now running and they are prepared to serve soda and ice cream in first-class manner. A cozy little parlor has been fitted up in the rear of the store with a side entrance. Remember the place.

**For the Boys and Girls.**

Next Sunday's Philadelphia Press (May 14), will begin a competition for boys and girls, in which The Press will offer as rewards prizes worth $500. Any boy or girl can try for these prizes See next Sunday's Press.

It makes no difference how bad the wound if you use DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, it will quickly heal and leave no scar. L. K. Hogarth & Co.

A lady's fine Crawford wheel for sale. The price is cheap, the wheel the best. GLEASON.

The finest of room moulding 50 varities to select from. Call on L. Koenig Water street.

Messrs. E. C. Henry & Co. are headquarters for the sale of Pittsburg stogies. Give them a trial.

Screen doors from 50 cents up at Mason's hardware.

Come and see Mason's 50-cent screen door.


### PERSONAL MENTION

Fred Harryman of Olean was visiting town this week

B F Burgess of Kane was in town Monday on business.

Andrew C W. Freeman of Kushequa was in town yesterday.

Ex Senator A P. Barnum of Bradford was in town on Monday.

Louis Marck of Bradford autographed at the Central Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. McGuire drove to Bradford on Saturday last.

Bert Rogers of Duke Centre is again holding cases on the Democrat.

Hon Geo. Griffiths of Kane was greeting old friends in town Monday

Pat and George McFarlan of Eldred were in town Monday on business

Hon. T F Richmond returned last week from a brief visit at Harrisburg.

Messdames C. M Colegrove and T. H. Purtle drove to Bradford Monday.

T N Barnsdall of Pittsburg was transacting business in town last Saturday.

N W Heineman, the lumberman of Colegrove, had business in town Thursday.

Dr. F C Pierce will wheel over to Warren Saturday next and return Monday.

W. W Bell and son, Donald, of Bradford were guests at the Central Saturday last.

Rev. H H Bradley of Lewis Run was a pleasant caller at this office Wednesday.

William Haskell returned Tuesday from a ten days' visit with his daughter at Buffalo.

Rev. W. A Bennett of Farmers Valley was a pleasant caller at this office Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. R Lindsley and son, Russell, drove to Duke Centre last Saturday.

Fritz Seger of Emporium was in town on Monday night on a visit to his brother, W. T.

T. L Sartwell of Eldred was present at the funeral of Mrs. Geo. Moore on Tuesday.

Daniel Monroe of Coudersport, food inspector for this district was in town Wednesday.

F. S Baker came home from Coudersport Saturday night and spent Sunday with his family.

Mrs Chris McAfee of Johnsonburg is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Lynch.

Mrs. W. O. Hamlin and children of New York are the guests of Mr. and Mrs J C Hamlin

Enos Southwick of Bradford has been the guest of his sister Mrs. Geo W Mitchell this week

Chas Lunden of Mt Jewett was a most agreeable and welcome caller at the Miner office on Monday

J J O'Conner, a prominent business man of Elmira, was in town Monday taking observations at the license court.

Mrs. A L. Provin of Farmers Valley departed for Union City, Pa., Monday to visit her mother who is critically ill.

Chet King, Steve Sartwell, Frank Seman, Pat Kilday and Joe Connolly, all of Port Allegany, were in town Monday

Miss Lydia Burlingame of Kushequa has been assisting in Mrs Carrie Reilly & Co's millinery store for the past week.

W. W. Tate of Wellsboro was calling on his many friends here yesterday. Will says oil prospects at Gaines are good

Rev J. Heber McCandless and G B Mayo visited Port Allegany last Saturday to attend the Later Lilliebridge nuptials.

C. H. Moore of Indiana, Pa., arrived in town on Saturday He was with his mother, Mrs. Geo Moore, during her last hours.

Misses Edna Walker of New City and Lulu Connolly and James Flannigan of Bradford were guests of Miss Edna Church Sunday.

G F Mattison of Glen Hazel was a pleasant caller Wednesday Mr M. in addition moving to Potter county in the near future

Tom Garrity of Kushequa was greeting his host of friends in town Saturday. Tom's lines have evidently fallen in pleasant places.

W. D Gallup visited Coudersport yesterday Dr. John Clark and W F Specht go over to-day to attend the Scott Masonic ceremonies.

M. F Scanlon, who has been located at Stockton, N J, for over a year, returned home to Colegrove yesterday to spend his vacation

Bishop Fitzpatrick of Erie and Rev Father Mackin of Port Allegany were in attendance at the confirmation at St Elizabeth's church yesterday.

"Judge" J R Haughney of Eldred was in town Saturday The "Judge" wears a contented look that speaks well for his prospects in life

Albert Peterson of Kane was so busy electioneering on Monday night that he missed the train and was compelled to take in the hose boys' dance.

Scott Redfield came home from Hobart College, Geneva, last Saturday, being compelled to give up studies for awhile on account of weak eyes

Mrs M L Bissett, who has been spending a few days with her parents, M O'Reilly and wife, and son, Merrill, returned to her home in Bradford on Tuesday

Supt Samuel J Tappan of the Hazelhurst glass works, was transacting business in town Monday Mr Tappan is a gentleman whom the Miner man is always pleased to greet

Mrs. John T. O'Reilly of Pittsburg is a guest of Mr. O'Reilly's parents, Mr and Mrs M O'Reilly Mr O'Reilly will join his wife later and spend a month with his parents.

O. J Hamlin arrived home from Syracuse last Saturday night, having enjoyed a carriage all the way during the beautiful weather of last week and passed through the most picturesque and attractive scenery of the Empire State

Editors Hubbard and McClellan of the Mt Jewett News and Herald and Hillbilly of the Port Allegany Reporter were in town on Monday The Miner did not learn whether they applied for licenses or not, but the chances are that they did not as all are married.

**Attention G A R.**

HEADQUARTERS McKEAN POST, No 347, DEPT OF PENN'A, G. A. R., Smethport, Pa., May 8, 1899

Order No 1

1st In compliance with general order No 13, Department of Pennsylvania, Grand Army of the Republic, the comrades of this Post will assemble at their hall on Sunday, May 28, 1899, at 2 30 o'clock p. m. to attend Memorial services at the Methodist church at 3 o'clock p m, Dr I. T. Walker, pastor

Comrades will appear in full uniform

2d As time's ceaseless march brings us again to Memorial Day, the comrades of this Post will assemble at their headquarters, Tuesday, May 30, 1899, at the time designated by the committee of Memorial Day services and observe the program as published by them All societies and organizations in Smethport and vicinity are cordially invited to participate with us in the observance of the day

H. M CHOATE, Commander.
H. L. BURLINGAME, Adjutant.

**Rose Hill Cemetery.**

The directors of Rose Hill Cemetery Association respectfully request lot owners to visit the cemetery before the 30th inst. and see that these lots are in order No lot should be neglected Geo Mason, the sexton, will attend to the lots of those who do not have the time to see to it themselves; keeping the grass mowed with a lawn mower and properly kept in order for the season for $1 50.

**All are Invited.**

L K Hogarth & Co will dispense ice cream soda free to the ladies and gentlemen of Smethport and vicinity on Thursday, May 18th, from 4 to 8 p. m.

For Sale Cheap—A second hand Gambler bicycle, in fine condition. Call at Dr Pierce's dental parlors.

Are you going to buy a screen door? Mason has them for as low as 50 cents up.


## $500 Reward!

The above reward will be paid by the Commissioners of McKean County, Pennsylvania, for information that will lead to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons who murdered Thomas L. Griffin, who was found injured on Saturday morning, April 29, 1899, in the city of Bradford, Pennsylvania.

CO. COMMISSIONERS OF MCKEAN CO., PA.
Smethport, Pa., May 11, 1899


### As Exciting Foot Race.

Mrs [illegible] and brothers at the Wright House enjoyed the fun immensely of a foot race [illegible] Tuesday afternoon between Harry Wells and Walter Smith, each [illegible] gang-plank carrying a gentleman and put 5 cents in the box Last Saturday the firm had accumulated to the amount of about $4 00 At dinner that day it was decided to dispose of the funds by a foot race, and in order to compel each member to run and do his best a penalty of purchasing a half dozen bottles of beer by the blindmost man was agreed upon.

Six o'clock was the hour set for the race, but like all such great events, half an hour was spent in getting ready. The start was made from Mason's store where the following gentlemen lined up: Doctor John Clark, Will Upper, Fritz Small, Frank Walker, Will Seger and Bert Shook Harry Bacon was starting judge and sent them away with a rifle shot amidst great excitement. When they arrived at the finish in front of the Wright House, where Harry Knapp stood ready to receive them, Seger was in the lead, Walker second, Small third, then Shook while Doc brought up the rear, Upper having turned back to get his coat and secure the coin necessary to fulfill the last goodish of the compact.

It was one of the most lively foot races ever witnessed here. Harry Wells feels exceedingly proud to think that the respective station of the Reilly block carried off both prizes

**Death of Mrs. Moore.**

Mrs Martha Moore, relict of the late G B Moore, died at her home at 801 East Main street Sunday evening, May 7, after being confined to her bed seven weeks of cancer, aged 70 years and 11 months

Mrs Martha Farnsworth was born in Greenfield, Erie county, Pa., in 1828 where she resided until she was married, when Mr and Mrs Moore moved to McKean county and took up a residence in Turtle Point, from there they moved to Port Allegany, and about 20 years ago they moved to this place and built the residence where they resided until they were called to their final reward

The deceased was a member of St. Luke's Church and a woman of many loveable traits of character and her death will be mourned by a host of friends, besides one son, two daughters two sisters and one brother, namely: C B. Moore of Indiana, Pa., Mrs Ella Johnson, with whom she resided, and Mrs Jennie Eberspatcher of this place, Mrs Jane Powers of Elsie, Mich., Mrs Hanna Corbett of Leard, Texas, and Willard Farnsworth of Greenfield Pa.

The funeral services were held at the house Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock Rev J Heber McCandless officiating The remains were laid at rest in R se Hill cemetery.

### CORRESPONDENCE.

**LAFLAMME.**

Flowers, flowers everywhere—the hills and valleys seem like one vast garden of paradise. The wayside banks are starred with the golden dandelion, while here and there huge bunches of blue violets are massed together in beautiful profusion The orchard trees are visions of pink and white loveliness, and the forest buds are carpeted with blossoms Budding everything of the rainbow and yet how few of us are really appreciate them as we ought to do, and feel to cherish of God's love.

Mr and Mrs Mat Windsor and daughter, Hazel of Kendall, were guests at the home of W E. Windsor during the latter part of last week

H G Bartlett, Esq., the genial editor of the Port Allegany Press, was a very pleasant caller Monday

Mrs. C W Taylor, son Edward, and nephew Arthur Hibbard, of Turtle Point were gadding to town one day last week.

Sylvester Lamphear of West Eldred visited at the home of his aunt, Mrs. Oscar Carpenter on Tuesday last

Miss Ada Taylor spent Sunday with Turtle Point friends.

Mrs Port Andrews and children of Clermont were in town Monday

Mrs. Edith Taylor and Miss Jessie Carpenter drove to Eldred Saturday

W H Barnett and wife sundayed at the home of P C Crandall

Miss Pelton of Bullette was calling in town Friday

The burial Zenas Hart of Holland N Y, is spending a few days in town

Miss Angie Whitney returned to her home Turtle Point on Monday

The family of Chas Canning an 10 Wilcox who have been ill with measles are convalescing

**ANNIN CREEK**

Dr Barnett of Olean was in town on professional business Thursday

Mrs. James Hanson of Olean is visiting in this place

Arch Holcomb of Bixford is over hauling logs this farm.

Herman Bruce has purchased a farm about a mile from Shinglehouse where he will soon move his family.

The supervisors of Annin township have the road work likely under way

Chas Ely Hodges has a new house started on his lot in Port Allegany

Grant Beers and wife of Carroll attended church in this place on Sunday

**Reduced Rates to Washington.**

On account of the National Peace Jubilee, to be held at Washington, D C., May 23, 24, and 25, the Pennsylvania Railroad company has arranged to sell excursion tickets from all stations to Washington at rate of single fare for the round trip, except that the rates from New York, Philadelphia and Rahway will be $8 00, $5 00 and $2 00, respectively, with proportionate rates from intermediate and adjacent points

Tickets will be sold May 22 and 23, good to return within ten days from date of sale when properly validated by the agent at Washington

**Whooping Cough.**

I had a little boy who was nearly dead from an attack of whooping cough My neighbors recommended Chamberlain's Cough Remedy I did not think that any medicine would help him, but after giving him a dose of that remedy I got out of danger at once, and one bottle cured him entirely. It is the best cough medicine I ever had in the house.—J L Moore South Burgettstown, Pa. For sale by L. K. Hogarth & Co.

If you suffer from tenderness or fullness on the right side, pain under shoulder blade, constipation, biliousness, sick headache and feel dull, heavy and sleepy, your liver is torpid and congested DeWitt's Little Early Risers will cure you promptly, pleasantly and permanently by restoring the congestion and causing the bile ducts to open and flow naturally They are good pills L K. Hogarth & Co


WANTED—Back numbers of Peterson's Magazine for the years 1872 and 1873 and numbers of the same magazine for 1869 to 1870. Also the Lady Godey for the years 1868, 69, 70, 72, 73, 74 The original price will be paid for any of these copies at this office. 17 8t

Housekeeper Wanted—The undersigned desires to secure the services of an experienced housekeeper, age 30 to 35 years A permanent home offered, good reference required WM. GRIGSBY. Smethport, Pa. 17-tf

Lost, between Smethport and Mt. Alton, a pocketbook containing quite a sum of money A reward of $15 will be given the finder for the return of the pocketbook and contents to DANIEL BACON, Smethport, Pa.

WANTED—You g man having some experience in a general merchandise store. Address, giving references, Lock Box 63, Smethport, Pa.

WANTED—A girl for general housework. Wages $3 to $3.50, according to ability. Apply at this office. 16-tf.

WANTED—50 lady persons to Corsetine their own Call on M. E. Corsetine Agent, Smethport, Pa.

WANTED A good waiter at H. P. Bubble & Co.'s

## Robie's Jewelry Store

IS THE TALK OF OLEAN.

The wonderful bargains people are getting is a surprise to all.

**Watches and Diamonds**

We have the finest line of Rich Cut Glass in Olean and buyers seem to appreciate the fact. Our Solid Silver and Clock Department is simply immense

**C. H. ROBIE,**
The Leading Jeweler.
Sign—Mammoth Clock.

## "IKE" SIMONS,

46 Main Street,
Bradford Pa.,

Begs to announce to his many friends and patrons of Smethport and vicinity that he has removed to 46 Main St, and has added to his fine stock of Hats and Gentlemen's Furnishings a full and complete line of Clothing for Men, Youths, Boys and children We have never sold clothing before so our stock is entirely new and up to date in every particular, and our price the lowest in the city When you are in Bradford we will be pleased to see you and show you through our line whether you wish to purchase or not I remain

Yours Respectfully,
"IKE" SIMONS,
46 Main St.

## L. A. W. Repair Shop.

THIS Shop is new—everything in it is new No old parts put on your wheel When you bring a wheel here to have it repaired it will be done in FIRST CLASS SHAPE with the best materials New tires and everything that belongs to a bicycle A fine Columbia Vulcanizer enables me to repair tires as it should be done. New tires at prices that are a revelation. I have a good lathe and can make new parts.

In addition to Bicycle repairing I am prepared to do all kinds of Electrical Work, Gun repairing, winding fishing rods, etc.

All work done promptly.

**Alex Clarke,**
Opposite Court House,
Smethport, - Pa.

**M. L. ARMSTRONG,**
The Leading JEWELER
and dealer in
WATCHES
CLOCKS
NOVELTIES
FINE JEWELRY
SPORTING GOODS

Remember I am still the agent of the Pope Manufacturing Co's, and that when you buy a Columbia Chainless you accept replacement as The expedient was made by hand riders over rough roads before the wheel was put on the market. They're just as represented

**INSURANCE.**
Life Fire and Accident
written by
N F SPECHT,
SMETHPORT, PA.
In good reliable companies.

## Bell Brothers,

OLEAN, N. Y.

**Big Rush For Carpets.**

We're Doing the Business.

The trade of last week and the week before has infused new inspiration into the department. This week we offer special inducements on—

50 pieces of Axminsters
60 pieces of Velvets
100 pieces of Tapestries,
40 pieces of Brusse's,
200 pieces of Ingrains
25 pieces of Linoleums,
100 pieces of Oil Cloths
400 pieces of Mattings.

10 per cent. Cut From Former Prices.

**This is the Month to buy China Mattings.**

Special piece price for this week is as follows:
50 pieces (40 yards each) at $3.75.
25 " " " " " $4.98.
13 " " " " " $7 50.

**Suit Department.**

Pique skirts with embroidery insertion at $3 50, $4 50 and $5.00. These prices are about the cost of the materials. You get the making for nothing. You had better see them.

**In the Wash Goods Department.**

100 pieces of handsome printed Dimities at 15c, 20c and 25c per yard.

**Bell Brothers,**
The Leading Dry Goods, Carpet and Furniture House of Southwestern N. Y.

## New Hat Shapes

arrive at this store every day.

## Your Dress Hat

Will soon come in need. A large collection from which to select. We now have a complete line of Summer Millinery, including embroidery materials, stamped goods, etc., and we have taken pains to select a large variety of goods,

**Mrs. Carrie Reilly & Co.**
Smethport, Pa.

**New England Bakery,**
Cor. Main and Union Sts.
FRESH HOME-MADE
Bread
Cookies
Cakes
Pies
SALT RISING BREAD MADE MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS AND SATURDAYS.
J. W. PICKERSGILL,
Smethport, Pa.

**BINDER TWINE** Our famous BLUE LABEL BRAND. It's the best in the world Prices will surprise you We deliver from Olean or Carrollton or St. Paul as desired. Write for prices and samples. MONTGOMERY WARD & CO., CHICAGO

**Kodol Dyspepsia Cure**
"Digests what you eat."

## ICE CREAM SODA

Ice cream in bricks or by the quart delivered to any part of the city.

**Brasted's**

## Carpets . . .

We've got 'em, in all that is good, grand and durable.

Ingrains,
Tapestry,
Axminster,
Moquettes
and Velvets

## . . Furniture . .

And at prices that must prove satisfactory to sensible people. We also carry the latest designs in Rugs and Art Squares of both foreign and domestic make, together with a complete assortment of Mattings, Oil Cloth, Linoleum and floor coverings generally. Remember, our Carpets, like our Furniture, Bric-a-Brac and Chinaware, are characterized by a total absence of "that cheap look," which spoils all good effect.

**SLOAN & ERVIN.**
16 Main Street, BRADFORD, PA.

## . . . Carpets

## STRAW HATS AT SEGER'S

Straw Hats for Old Men
Straw Hats for Young Men
Straw Hats for the Boys
Straw Hats for Children
Straw Hats to feed the cow

and at the price Seger sells them it would not cost much to keep a cow, if she would eat the pretty bands and all.

**But Don't Forget**
that our line of
**Summer Suits, Top Coats and Neckwear**

Is the finest to be found in this place, and that they are all new this spring, and that the styles are correct. The same is true about shoes.

**R. SEGER & SON,**
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Fulton Street. Smethport.

## BIRD FLIGHT.

They flash upon the hazy air,
Silent of note and purposeful of wing,
Now gossip of the nesting time
Disturbs their rhythmic, stir born swing.

Across the dying fields light shadows fall
That, for a moment's space, obscure the sun;
Then swift—a graceful troop—they wing their way
Pursued in haste by some belated one.

Now all the stubble land turns twilight gray
A dress with mystic runnel and harvest frills.
Above the reddening world a ring of peace
Throws pale and fades against the southern hills.

—Elizabeth Akers Curtis in Philistine.

## WAR AND MATRIMONY.

**Cupid is Much the Busiest in Times of Peace and Prosperity.**

"There is a close connection between marriage and the price of wheat, beef, pork, beans, corn and other things which go to make up the main portion of human food," writes Professor D. R. McAnally of "The American Girl's Chances of Marriage," in The Ladies' Home Journal. "As the prices of these commodities go up the number of marriages goes down. From 1851 to 1854 times were good, food was cheap, and the marriage rate in Massachusetts went up to 26 per 1,000. Between 1855 and 1859 there was great depression of trade, and in 1858 the marriage rate went down to 17 per 1,000. The years from 1878 to 1879 form another period of depression. Factories were closed and manufacturers of every kind suffered severely. In one year, at least, crops were short and the prices of food were high. The result was immediately seen in matrimony, for in 1874 the numbers of marriages went down from 21 per 1,000 of the population to 18, and in 1876 and the following two years declined to 15 per 1,000—a tremendous falling off from 26 per 1,000, the figure attained in 1854, which was the banner year in the state of Massachusetts for matrimony.

"Almost as unfavorable as that of hard times is the influence of war upon matrimony. Whenever Mars is in the ascendant Cupid's stock goes down. During the civil war the number of marriages in this country fell off from 26 per 1,000 of population to 17 per 1,000, and immediately after the civil war was ended, in 1865, the number rose to 32 per 1,000, declining in 1869 to 21. The woman who is looking for a husband has a better chance of getting one just before or just after a war than at any other time."

**The Discovery of an Artist.**

In the Cathedral of Nantes, France, there is a monument to Francis II of Bretagne and his wife Margaret which is considered one of the masterpieces of French sculpture. It is over 300 years old, and until twenty odd years ago no one knew to whom to ascribe it. Then by chance an old stone slab was discovered in the same cathedral bearing the following inscription:

"I, Michel Colomb, was a poor fortune but whose only home was the high road, where alone God and our Bretagne saints watched over me. I often forgot to eat and drink while looking at the stonecutters who made the beautiful stone crosses for the holy place in the diocese of Leon, and I myself carved small images with a wretched knife, when worthy priests took compassion upon me, fed me and said to me: 'Work, thou little one, and look as much as thou pleasest at the carved belfry and at the beautiful work of the guild (sculptors). Look at all this, love the good God, the mild Saviour and the blessed Virgin Mary. Then thy name shall be honored in the diocese of Leon and in the beautiful Bretagne.' This I did for a long while that I might become a good workman, and then our Duchess Anna gave me an order to cut a monument to our gracious Duke Francis II and the Duchess Margaret."—Harper's Bazar.

**Theatres in New Zealand.**

A New Zealand correspondent of the Baltimore Sun writes:

"The first floor of their theaters is flat, supplied with plain, unpainted wooden benches, with open backs. The balcony, the fashionable place, contains only cheaply upholstered benches, and is badly ventilated. Early door tickets at 12½ cents extra are sold, admitting the holder an hour before the regular doors open, that he may obtain first choice of the unpainted benches. Five minutes before the orchestra appears a big bell, suspended in the theater, is violently rung, making all but the dead jump. Then all knowing ones understand that order is wanted—the stranger probably thinks it a fire alarm bell.

"Every Saturday night in all New Zealand towns the people crowd their leading street. They walk chiefly in the street in preference to the footpath. The girls, women, men and boys, young and old, promenade up and down the one street, meet friends and stand in groups in the street. An occasional cart, cab or tram, driven at breakneck speed in their midst, make the people scatter for a moment, with many narrow escapes. Vehicles, trams, cycles etc., turn to the left instead of to the right."

**Lambs For Spanish Children.**

Directly after Lent is observed a custom that is particularly interesting to children. It is what may be termed the sale of the lambs, for on Monday morning after Easter the shepherds have their lambs and goats on sale in all the cities. The animals are kept in temporary pens, and it is the rule for parents to permit their children, of from 5 to 12 years of age, to purchase a pet lamb or goat. After the animal is selected it is taken to the home residence and given the freedom of the courtyard and quite often the greater part of the house. It is every child's ambition to train the pet so that it will at least follow its owner like a dog, and if a few simple tricks are added to the lamb's or kid's education the master or mistress is proud indeed. Girls especially delight in these pets, and often the animals are so bedecked with bows and ribbons as almost to hide their bodies. The sale of the lambs is a very old custom, and is supposed to have originated through some form of the church.—Anglo-American Magazine.

**How Much Beer Get Its Name.**

Maximilian of Bavaria, the first elector, consulted an English physician regarding his consort's sickness, who prescribed for her some "Buckingham Double (strong) Beer." After importing some several times at great expense, Maximilian decided to send his court brewer to Buckingham to become familiar with the production and manipulation of said unrecalled brew. Upon the brewer's return to Munich the Buckingham beer (then abbreviated in name to Buck, later Bock, beer) was henceforth brewed there and was for the first time served at the electoral family's table on Maximilian's day, Oct. 12, 1632.

At first only used as a medicinal potion, it soon became generally introduced as a pure food and was ordered to be brewed hereafter two weeks before the two weeks after Corpus Christi day.

**Sunday School Gems.**

Stories of strange and amusing answers given to examination questions are frequently told, but we do not so often see recorded the equally surprising answers given by children in Sunday schools, and yet they are frequently original enough.

A teacher, lately wishing to turn the young idea toward the mission field, asked, "What are good men called who leave their homes and go to foreign lands to teach the heathen?"

"Prodigal sons," was the prompt and triumphant reply.

A class of boys whom asked, "What were the ten plagues?" answered with more fervor than gallantry, "The ten virgins, sir."—Westminster Gazette.

**Making a Dictionary.**

Nearly every one has had the bright idea that it must be a tremendous amount of work to get up a dictionary, but few have any notion of the real size of the task. When Johnson got his famous dictionary started, he calculated that, with six assistants, he could complete the task in three years. It took him nine years instead. He received the small recompense of $7,260, and had to pay his assistants out of that.

Webster worked 24 years before his dictionary made its bow to the world. Webster was very punctilious in his definitions, and so painstaking that it was a wonder he completed the work when he did.

The words which give the compiler of a dictionary the most trouble are the little one syllable Saxon words. Their history extends back into the Saxon period, and their meaning has become twisted in many directions. Words with pedigrees are the hardest to trace.

When a new dictionary is projected, one man is selected as editor in chief, and he appoints his subeditors. Then appeals are sent out to literary people in general for voluntary contributions in the nature of rare and curious words. There are over 1,000 people who have offered their services in the case of a dictionary now making. They are to read standard works, ancient and modern, in the search for curious words, their origin and meaning. These words, written on slips of paper, are filed in thousands of pigeonholes. Over six tons of clips have been put away. This means 6,000,000 words, but only 1,000,000 will be printed. The amount of work necessary to properly sort these is evident.

**Testing a Diamond.**

"When in doubt as to the genuineness of a diamond," said a leading dealer in precious stones to the writer recently, "there is only one really reliable way by which the expert or the amateur judge can determine the quality of the article and that is to test its hardness by holding it against a rapidly revolving grindstone from five to ten minutes. Then, if the least mark appears upon the diamond, it is not a real stone, for if it were a diamond, so far from any mark being produced upon it, it would be likely, on the other hand, to make a deep impression on the grindstone. The same test may also be made with emery paper or on an emery wheel, neither of which, although harder than a grindstone, will make any impression upon a genuine diamond.

"This is a good thing for one to remember in these days of manufactured diamonds. The paste article is now made with such care that it sometimes tests the skill of the expert to distinguish the genuine from the bogus, but if the grindstone is brought into play there can be no room for doubt. Some people think that if they rub a stone against glass and it makes a deep impression it is a diamond. But nearly all paste diamonds will scratch glass, and the imitations of sapphires, rubies and emeralds will do the same."—Washington Star.

**The Peculiar Dance.**

"The Dance," wrote Julian Ralph from Copenhagen, "are not satisfied with the alphabet. They have invented a twenty-seventh letter, which is an O with a mark run through it diagonally from the north northwest to the south southeast, and this amazing letter comes in most of the words. They are so proud of it that they paint it, all by itself, in heroic size on the front of the second stories of the tram cars. I always used to think that when a British or Russian or Swedish prince came here to get a wife all he had to say was, 'Wjill yjou mjarry mje?'

"But I didn't know a great deal of Danish then. In fact, I only knew the word 'tandstikker,' which means 'tan-cid match'—at least I think so after using these matches all over the world. Since I have come here I've got only discovered the O with a skewer through it, but I find that the language is so impossible that the Danes themselves have given it up. They spell Copenhagen Kjopenhavn, Kiobenhaven, Copenhagne and Kjopenhabn."

**Smoking Vampires.**

Henry Adams of Wichita, Kan., tells this story of the favorite amusement of Americans at the clubs in the City of Mexico:

Frequently in the evenings the vampires, or blood sucking bats, fly into the open windows of the clubrooms. The Americans then close the doors and catch the bat by throwing a shawl over it. One of the men lights a cigarette, opens the bat's mouth and inserts the cigarette therein. The creature is then turned loose. Its soft mouth contracting closely, the cigarette is immediately seized firmly.

Every time the bat breathes it draws in the smoke and then exhales it. Thus flying around the room, smoking the cigarette wildly and puffing out clouds of smoke, it presents a strange appearance. The smoke generally kills the bat before the cigarette is all smoked up.

**The Office.**

Can any one tell how it happened, in the speech of our country people, that the word "postoffice" lost its first and more important half, and became simply "the office?" In no New England village that I know of is the postoffice called anything else than "the office" simply. In every village there are commonly several offices. The doctor has one, and the squire has one, and the factory has a very important one; but people say, "I am going to the office," or ask, "Have you been to the office?" and they never mean anything but the postoffice, nor will you hear the word "postoffice" from one of them once in a month.

It strikes me as a curious abbreviation, and it is very hard, even after years of it, to refrain from asking, "What office?" when the postoffice is thus mentioned without any previous reference to it.—Boston Transcript.

**With the Fading of Beauty.**

A 16-year-old girl imagines that she is an angel, and never gets over it. After a woman gets old she thinks of how she was admired and complimented in her youth and feels that some great wrong was done her because she did not remain as pretty as she was at 16. If she is married, she is apt to lay the blame on the brutality of her husband; if she is an old maid, she lays it on her father, who was poor, and thus forced her to work, which resulted in a stooping figure and harsh features. A man never has this experience. He is at his worst at 16, and does not reach his best until he is 26 to 30. By that time he has acquired a little sense, and never mistakes a compliment for the truth.—Atchison Globe.

**They Would Get There.**

It was a lecture delivered by a learned purveyor of liver pills and illustrated by diagrams of the frame of man. That, he explained, pointing out a totally different spot, "is where man's liver is."

"Excuse me," observed the man in spectacles, "but I am a surgeon, and that's not where the liver is."

"Never you mind where his liver is," retorted the lecturer. "If it was in his big toe or his left ear my pills would reach it and shake it for him. On that you can bet your gig lamps."

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## BLACK ROT.

**A Common Symptom With Cabbages. How to Recognize and Prevent It.**

Black rot is of somewhat recent recognition, but during the past few years has led to serious loss in southern Wisconsin, Michigan, New York, Maryland, Vermont and elsewhere. The Vermont station says the first indication of the disease in cabbage is upon the outer leaves of the plant, which turn yellow and die in spots, usually at or near the margin. Such leaves are also liable to wilt. Careful examination shows that the veins in the dead areas are blackened. The germs which are the cause of the malady spread exclusively through the vessels or fibrous portions of the tissue. These invaded vessels turn black, and this striking discoloration is a valuable diagnostic feature of the disease which every cabbage grower should learn to recognize. If the stem of a healthy cabbage leaf be cut across, these vessels are seen forming faint yellowish spots in the interior, in marked contrast to the black spots seen in the badly diseased leaf.

If rotting cabbage plants are left in the field, the germs pass the winter in the soil and reinfect cabbages, turnips or weed plants which may grow thereon the next season. If fed to stock, they pass into the manure, and are similarly propagated in that way. Consideration of these facts leads the station mentioned to recommend the following preventive or remedial measures:

Rotation of Crops.—Cabbages or turnips should not be planted a second year upon land where the disease is observed. In view of the dangers from this disease and club root it is better in any case to rotate these crops with others. The seed bed also should be made in new soil each year.

Fertilization.—Diseased cabbages should never be fed to animals uncooked. Manure from animals fed on garden refuse should not be used on soil intended for cabbages.

Destruction of Insects.—Keep the plants as free as possible from insects.

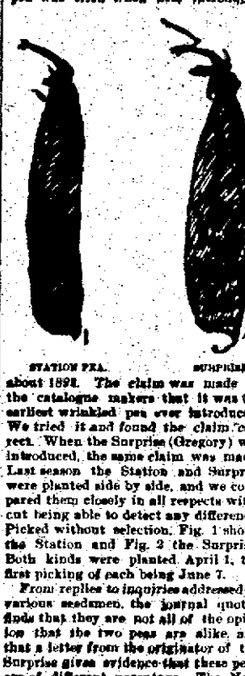
Removal of Diseased Leaves and Plants.—Where the disease has once appeared, the cabbage field should be watched and during August and September should be systematically gone over and all leaves removed and destroyed as soon as they show evidence of the disease. In case the germs have invaded the stem (as shown by the blackened vessels at the junction of diseased leaf and stem) the entire plant should be uprooted and destroyed. This destruction should be by fire or deep burial.

Suppression of Cruciferous Weeds.—No plants of kale, wild mustard or other related weeds which may harbor the disease should be allowed to grow in or near the cabbage field.

**As Like as Two Peas.**

The Rural New Yorker illustrates the Station pea and the Surprise, as here shown, and says:

"At the Rural grounds the Station pea was tried when first introduced.



STATION PEA. SURPRISE.

about 1892. The claim was made by the catalogue makers that it was the earliest wrinkled pea ever introduced. We tried it and found the claim correct. When the Surprise (Gregory) was introduced, the same claim was made. Last season the Station and Surprise were planted side by side, and we compared them closely in all respects without being able to detect any difference. Picked without selection, Fig. 1 shows the Station and Fig. 2 the Surprise. Both kinds were planted April 1, the first picking of each being June 7.

From replies to inquiries addressed to various seedsmen, the journal quoted finds that they are not all of the opinion that the two peas are alike, and that a letter from the originator of the Surprise gives evidence that these peas are of different parentage. The New Yorker, however, emphatically pronounces the 1897 Prosperity and Gradus to be the same pea, and is not prepared to say what name it should justly bear, but suggests Prosperity.

**Agricultural Brevities.**

Tomatoes which have an imperfect blossom end are most susceptible to rot or black mold, and care should be taken to grow the smooth fruited sorts.

If experiments of several stations may be considered conclusive, seeds from the tip of the ear of corn germinate more surely and yield better than those from the center of the ear.

Among the new blackberries in the Mersereau, which, it is claimed, is without an equal for hardiness, besides being of brilliant, sparkling black color, fine form and flavor and very productive.

Horse radish is said to thrive and form the best roots in a soil of medium texture, moist but not wet.

White of egg, milk or lime should never be used for cleansing maple syrup, and after the syrup has been drawn from the evaporator it should never be reheated, according to a sugar making correspondent of New England Homestead.

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## THE FINGER TIPS.

**Their Remarkable Value In the Identification of Criminals.**

In detective novels finger prints left by criminals, preferably in blood, play an important part, but truth seems stranger than fiction in the fact that the finger print system of identifying criminals in India has been made so perfect that it would enable any intelligent person in a few minutes to distinguish the individual, if necessary, from all other persons now living in the world, or, if data were available, from all other persons who have lived since the creation of man.

The system is simplicity itself, and there is none of the elaboration of process or the costly and delicate machinery required for the anthropometric system. All that is needed is a piece of tin, a sheet of paper and some printer's ink. The inked impressions of the ten digits are taken and filed in the proper compartment of the proper pigeonhole, and it is on the classification of records and their distribution into the pigeonholes that the success of the system depends.

Every finger mark shows lines of the "loop," or the "whorl" type, and by a simple table of the combinations of these types in the ten digits 1,024 main classes are made. These are again subdivided according to minor details, and the subdivisions can be further divided ad infinitum if necessary, but with the table before him any person of ordinary intelligence can place his finger on the corresponding card to a record in his hand within five minutes, no matter how many thousand cards there may be.

It is calculated that the chances are about 64,000,000 to 1 against any two persons having single fingers identical, and the chances against all ten fingers being identical go beyond mathematics altogether.

**The Power of Shakespeare.**

An old Latin saying, Laudant quod non intelligunt (They praise what they do not understand), was once illustrated by an English tourist who happened into the Lutheran church at Elsinore one Sunday morning. The tourist did not know a word of the Danish language, but he wrote: "The clergyman had a quiet earnestness of manner and a persuasive eloquence that pleased and attracted. I admired the discourse, although I did not understand a word of it." The book from which we have copied this illustration of a com on practice tells the following amusing story of a Dutch audience listening to one of Shakespeare's plays:

"I will tell you, such is de powers of de Shakespeare, that I vance saw a play de great man acted in Anglish, in Holland, where der was not vun person in all de house but myself could understand it, yet dere vas not a person in all dat house but vat was in tears—dat is, all crying, blowing de nose and veep very much; couldn't understand vun vurd of de play, yet all veeping. Such was de powers of de Shakespeare!

**A Good Scotch Story.**

In Lanarkshire there lived a smi', nam' Jaird named Hamilton, who was noted for his eccentricity. On one occasion a neighbor waited on him and requested his name as an accommodation to a bit bill for £30, at three months' date, which led to the following characteristic and truly Scottish colloquy:

"Na, na, I canna do that."

"What for no, Jaird? Ye has done the same thing for ithers."

"Aye, aye, Tammas, but there's wheels within wheels ye ken naething about. I canna do't."

"It's a sma' affair to refuse me, Jaird."

"Weel, ye see, Tammas, if I was to get my name sell't, ye wad get the siller frae the bank, and when the time came round ye wadna be ready and I wad has to pay't. Sae then ye and I wad quarrel. Sae we mass just as weel quarrel the no as lang's the siller's in ma pouch."—Stray Stories.

**Two Little Stories.**

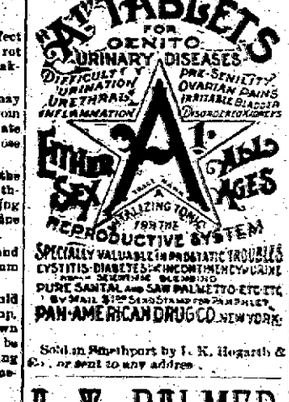
Here are two stories from Sir M. E. Grant-Duff's diary. The first records the saying of Sir F. Doyle, when Lord Houghton's death was rumored, that "his exit is the result of too many entrees."

The second, concerning a definition which Gladstone gave of a deputation, is also given in the diary. It is "a noun of numbers signifying many, but not signifying much."

**Birds' Nests.**

Some Australian birds lay their eggs in black sand, as if aware of its superior power of absorbing heat; others select the neighborhood of hot volcanic springs, whose warmth plays an important part in the hatching.

The mound builders collect heaps of earth and leaves as much as 18 feet high and 80 feet in diameter, and in this hotbed their eggs are hatched.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**Dead Men's Bones.**

The most gruesome apartment in America is probably the Surgeon-General's room in the Tower hospital in New York, with its fantastic decorations of dead men's bones.

The name of the room is spelled above the door in letters made of finger bones. Upon the wall within appear in the same grewsome lettering the names of Dr. Howard S. Neilson and Dr. Northway Meyer, demonstrators. Besides these legends sits a grinning human skull.

Crossing and recrossing the room strings of bones interlace. Ribs alternate with the slender bones of fingers and toes. Up and down the walls like ghastly white serpents, crawl coils of vertebræ. Arm and leg bones with highly polished surfaces are hung on the cupboard doors.

Everywhere the eye turns in this curious charnel house symbols of mortality start into relief. But it is on the large table against the south wall that death veritably sits enthroned. In the middle, heaped into a mound, bones from all parts of the human frame are surmounted by a skull. Here a hand, there a crippled foot, a cranium hollowed into a drinking cup—oddities of all grisly shapes surround the mound.

In a chair to the right sits a skeleton in leisurely attitude, leaning one arm upon the table as he watches the skeletons over which the sunlight dances.

**The Sacking of the Tuileries, 1848.**

The sight that presented itself was the strangest I have ever seen and has remained in my memory almost as vividly as if it were yesterday. The magnificent apartments of the palace were soon filled with as strange a set of ruffians as you could meet anywhere. It seemed as if they were all mad or drunk, and yet they were as jolly as sandboys. They seemed positively to revel in destruction and to yell with delight as they smashed and tore everything to pieces that they came across. There was scarcely a picture that was not cut into ribbons, and ornaments, however costly, were thrown down and broken to atoms.

While I was standing in one of the grand apartments, looking on in wonder, a little man, with a sword almost as big as himself, stood in front of a magnificent mirror that reached from the floor to the ceiling. He surveyed it for a moment, and then, as though he were about to storm a town single handed, went deliberately up to it and with one blow of his great cavalry blade shivered it to pieces. As they fell at his feet he put on a grand air and said "La!" as if this was one of the greatest deeds he had ever accomplished and the proudest moment of his life.—"Sketches From Memory." G. A. Storey.

Scotland seems a strange place to find a statue of Abraham Lincoln, and yet there is one there. It adorns a monument erected in old Calton burying ground, Edinburgh, to the memory of the Scottish Americans who fought in the American civil war.


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Buffalo Express, daily except Sunday 9:30 a. m.
Buffalo Mail, daily except Sunday, 2:01 p. m.
Local for Olean, daily except Sunday, 12:15 p. m.
Train leaving Smethport 2:30 p. m. connects at Olean with Silver Division for Allegany, Salamanca, Oil City and Pittsburg.

For Clermont and points south:
Clermont Local, daily except Sunday 9:30 a. m.
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Mail, daily except Sunday, connects at Keating Summit for Port Allegany 5:30 p. m.
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PHILADELPHIA & ERIE DIVISION TIME TABLE. In effect Nov. 15, 1896.

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For Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburg—7:25 a. m., week-days, Buffalo Express, Pittsburg Express, Sunday, 7:25 a. m., Buffalo Express, Rochester and Pittsburg Express, week-days, 12:05 noon, Buffalo Express, week-days, 4:30 p. m., Buffalo Express, week-days, 11:55 p. m., Buffalo Express, daily.

For Kane, Wilcox, Du Bois, Clearfield, Lock Haven, Williamsport, Sunbury, Harrisburg, Philadelphia and New York—7:25 a. m., week-days, Kane Express, 12:05 noon, week-days, Kane Express, 4:30 p. m., week-days, Kane Express, 11:55 p. m., week-days, Kane Express, daily.

For Ridgway, Du Bois, Clearfield, Lock Haven, Williamsport, Sunbury, Harrisburg, Philadelphia and New York—7:25 a. m., week-days, Ridgway Express, 12:05 noon, week-days, Ridgway Express, 4:30 p. m., week-days, Ridgway Express, 11:55 p. m., week-days, Ridgway Express, daily.

For Erie, Corry, Meadville, Greenville, Sharon, Youngstown, Akron, Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati, Chicago and the West—7:25 a. m., week-days, Erie Express, 12:05 noon, week-days, Erie Express, 4:30 p. m., week-days, Erie Express, 11:55 p. m., week-days, Erie Express, daily.

For Warren, Youngstown, Akron, Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati, Chicago and the West—7:25 a. m., week-days, Warren Express, 12:05 noon, week-days, Warren Express, 4:30 p. m., week-days, Warren Express, 11:55 p. m., week-days, Warren Express, daily.

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For Titusville, Oil City, Franklin, Meadville, Greenville, Sharon, Youngstown, Akron, Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati, Chicago and the West—7:25 a. m., week-days, Titusville Express, 12:05 noon, week-days, Titusville Express, 4:30 p. m., week-days, Titusville Express, 11:55 p. m., week-days, Titusville Express, daily.

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